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The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue—

Gentlemen—

I was honored with the Commands of your Board in Mr. Secretary Ellis's letter dated 27th December on the 28th Ultimo—

2d. The Regular Establishment of the Peons belonging to Dindigull proper is in Duffas for parties of Twenty five Peons each— One Duffadar as Commandant to each Duffa, One Jemidar to every Eight Duffas and one Tesauldar to the Corps which consists of—

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One Tesauldar		14.	1.	7	p. Month
Four Jemidars	at	5.	6.	9 each	p. do.
Sixteen Duffadars	at	2.	—	12 ea.	do.
Four hundred Peons	at	1.	3.	3¼ ea.	do.
One Vakeel		3.	7.	11¼	do.

3d. The only especial regular times, respect their Pay, and Stations; from the former deductions are never allowed and the latter are so chosen as to render each party efficient to the other, on which side soever any attack may be made—

4th. The dress of the Peons is uniform and adapted to their intended Services they wear leather caps which cover and defend their heads, a strong Coverband, and short drawers; they have not any other Cloths and thus lightly clad and Armed either with Pike or Matchlock they are always able to follow an Enemy into whatever sort of Jungle he may penetrate—

5th. They are not suffered to remain long in any station but are changed generally every Month: this is as well to prevent any Assumption over the Ryots, as to encourage the Ryots to complain of any Neglect of duty on the part of the Peons

6th. They are Registered according to the inclosed form of description Roll, complaints against them are investigated by a Punchayet or Jury who report their proceeding to the Cutcherry on which decision is given, complaints against them have not been frequent—

7th. They are Regularly mustered every Month, previously to their being paid, Discharges are never made but by the Collector and those (unless for fault Committed) only at the express Request of the Peon applying—

8th. They are not in attendance on the Tesauldar or under his controul or any Revenue Servant, save on Requisition for Service, this is Reported to the Cutcherry and thence such specific orders intent in the Service, may appear to require

and to which sufficient obedience is directed –

9th. I have now noted to your Board, the means I have ever used to render efficient those Peons I have had, but I am persuaded that the chief cause of their several success has been observed from my own and their perfect Knowledge of the Country – which has enabled me to direct, and them to execute with promptitude & precision, I have generally preferred men who have not local attachments to the promistrate they might not be diverted from their Duty, & I have succeeded better in local informations from their Shares I should have done from such as might have felt an interest to conceal what might respect the situation and strength of their Isles, Jungles & Barriers

10th. I am of opinion that a Native should not have the direct controll even in appearance of such bodies of armed Peons, it may happen that he may make stoppages from their Pay, or vex them so that they feel no pride in their Service; complaints of such sort had been be prevented by absolute orders than furnished, The Collector himself should give the orders and cause their due execution, but the first object to be atto in the use of this Description of People is the thorough Knowledge of a country, its Hills, Jungles & Passes without which Peons can never be efficient and with which and being equipped for the Jungles they may do more active Service in such particular places than every Regulars whatever under the orders and mode of action the strictness of Military discipline requires –

I have the honor to be, With Respect
Gentlemen
Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) H. B. Hurdis
Coll.

Dindegul
3d. January 1803

Form of Register Roll of the 1st Resaulah of Dindegul Peons

Number on Resaulah	Names –	Description	Cast	Colour	Native place	Age	Height: English feet	Height: Inches	Married	Wife living	Father & Mother living	How many Children	Arms: Firelocks	Arms: Matchlocks	Arms: Swords	Arms: Pikes	Pay p. Month

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The Officer Commanding
at Madura —

Sir,

I have received your letters of the 4th & 5th Instant —

2d. I have directed the necessary measures to be taken in conformity to the G. O. of the 22d Sept. 1802 and the subsequent instructions to myself —

3d. The few Bazaars in Madura attached to the Military, I have to request may be delivered over to the Peishcar Narrain Row, who will give this letter to you; I have directed Narrain Row to enquire into the manner of Sale &c. of Arrack and to give me information that done, I shall in com=munication with the Commanding Officer under instructions Received settled the mode of Vending it in future and until the New Mode is adopted you will be responsible for every Receipt from the 1st January —

4th The Butcher was apprehended on my order on complaint of certain Ryots, I believe you have been misinformed in respect to the Number of Butchers, I know of no authority that you may have over any Sirkar Servant, and I have to require that any thing you may have to communicate to them may be sent thro' me as I have positively prohi=bited any Servant of the Sirkar whatever from attention to any orders that are not sanctioned by my signature or authority —

I am
Sir,
Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis Collr.

Dindegul
6th January 1803

The Secretary to the Government
in the Judicial Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt this morning of Duplicate letter dated October 9th 1802 the original is not to be found in my Office nor do I recollect ever having received it —

2d. Every execution of mine shall be given to make the necessary translations for the Judges of circuit, the only probability of Failure is from my having only one person in my Cutcherry who understands the Persian language, and from the great difficulty of getting people sufficiently learn for that purpose —

3d. I beg this observation may not be construed as a complaint of

thing should not be so forward in point of some as I wish it to be —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Dindigul
January 6th 1803

Your very Obedient Hble Servt.
(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Sub-treasurer
Fort St. George —

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill No. 102 dated 1st January 1803 for Star Pagodas 5,000 / Five thousand by the Madura Paymr. on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Dindigull
6th January 1803

Your Obedt. Servant
(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor —
Fort St. George —

Sir,

In conformity to the letter of Mr. Deputy Accountant Forbess of the 16th Ulto. I have the honor to enclose you Duplicate Receipts of General Agent of Cavalry Supplies for Str. Pagodas 609. 5. 45 for which sum I shall take credit in my Accounts for the Current Month, and observe punctually in future your further directions —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Dindigul
9th January 1803

Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor —
Fort St. George —

Sir —

Herewith be pleased to receive the Statement shewing the probable Balance of Cash in hand on the 31st Instant —

I have the honor to be
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Dindigul
9th January 1803

(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector

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The Subtreasurer
Fort St. George –

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill for (17 - 30, 65) Star Pagodas Seventeen, fanams thirty & Cash Sixty five on the Board of Revenue in favor of the Trustees of the Civil fund –

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obdt Servt.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Coll.

Dindigul
9th January 1803

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor
Fort St. George –

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive the Accounts of the Districts under my charge for the Month of December 1802 –

I have the honor to be
Sir – &ca &ca &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
9th January 1803

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue –

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting you the Demand & Collection & Balance of the District under my management for the Month of December which having brought before the Board, Be so good to send to the Accountant General the Register of Bills and Return of Troops accompany it –

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Dindigul
9th January 1803

The Senior Assistant Collector
of the Dindigul &ca
Districts –

Sir,

So soon as you may be able on receipt of this, you will proceed to Madura to enquire into the Complaint of a Ryot against one of the Butchers in that place as set forth in Peshcar Narrain Row's letter –

2d. You will especially enquire into the mode used by the Peshcar

to obtain the Cadjan from the Butcher, sent to me with his letter of this Day –

3rd You have herewith Copies of letters from the Officers at present in Command of Madura –

Vide letter No. 2. 4th You will ascertain whether or not there were at the time of the Butchers Apprehension other Butchers also, Lists which I made on the 1st February 1802 inform me of Other twelve Retailers & Butchers & thirteen who for want of means did not follow their trade, the Peshcar can further enquire on this –

5th The Charge exhibited against the Butcher being wholly of a civil nature the orders or acts of, the Officer Commanding Madura have under the orders of the 22d Sept. 1802 and of the 10th December 1794 no authority over him, more particularly as the apprehension of the Butcher was on the 5th January –

Vide letter Nos. 2 & 3 – 6th The Plea of the Butchers being a private Servant as urged in the Commanding Officers letter of the 8th does not appear by what he has written in his letter of the 5th wherein he states the reason of his Detaining the Butcher to arise from his being the only one in Garrison –

7th But whether he be a public Servant or private Servant he is equally amenable to the Civil power as he does not come under the description of a Camp follower in any respect –

8th You will therefore summon the Butcher to the Cutcherry & if he come proceed in the Examination of the complaints against him, which if justly, provide you will award to the Ryot the price he demands for his Sheep, if that Price be not above the Prices rated in G. O. 10th December 1798 Viz. One Pagoda for two good, or three ordinary –

9th If the Butcher either directly or indirectly screens himself under the protection of the Commanding Officer you will officially require the Butcher of him, if sent you will proceed as before, but if not sent you will report to me for further instructions –

10th You will in reference to the Memorandum sent by the Peshcar settle the rates to be paid by the Military Bazar des Mandaurs for the Current Year –

11th You will examine the proposal for the Arrack licence & report

to

to me particularly every thing respecting it —

12th. I have directed the Sirkar Servants not to receive Orders from the Officer commanding without my Sanction, should any thing be required of you that you are not well informed on you will refer to me for instructions —

13th. You will have all official communication in writing with the Commanding Officer and adhere to the orders of the 22d. Sept which you can request from the Commanding Officer —

Dindigul
January 11th. 1803 —

I am
Sir
Your very Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

P.S. you will be pleased to keep the Copies of the letters now sent and the Notes thereon as they will form parts of the Packet for the Right Honble. the Governor in Council —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis

The Senior Assistant Collector
of Dindigul —

Sir,

I send Translates of Papers with Notes on the Subject of the enquiry you are upon, Be so good as compare the translates with the Originals, and see that they are right holding all ready for transmission to the Right Honble. the Governor —

Dindigul
12th. January 1803

I am
Sir
Your very Obedt. Servant
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Senior Assistant Collector
Madura —

Sir,

I have your letter of Yesterday and the Malabar Accompaniments, what remains to be done in the business can be effected here — You will therefore having so established matters as not to leave the Peishcar open to future ill-treatment, Proceed to this place —

If the Butcher can not give such Security as will satisfy the

the Ryots from whom he has unwarrantably taken the Sheep, You will confine them to the Cutcheri's Choultry untill further orders from me to the Tasauldar on his business —

Should Major Green the Officer Commanding Madura arrive ere you will quit the place, you will mention to him what has transpired so far as relates to what may effect the Military Controul —

I am
Sir
Your very Obed.t Servant
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindegul
20th. January 1803

The Resident & Members
of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen —

The Commands of your Board in Mr. Secretary Ellis's letter of the 3d. Instant arrived with me this morning —

2d. I beg to express my sincere thanks for the Approbation the Right Hon.ble the Governor in Council has been pleased to bestow on my labours and whilst they discharging my duty of Obligation I trust I shall not be thought unmindful of the Commendation of your Board that has so honorably assured the favorable sentiments of Government towards me —

3d. I beg leave to make a partial reply to some paragraphs the variety of Measurement in Madura in January the Settlement caused me so much perplexity that I did not constitute the survey, now directed, and having so far anticipated the Orders of your Board; I have great pleasure in saying that I hope to fix the settlement of the present Year thereon —

4th. I have done this without adding to the expence of Government, and I look forward to a probable final adjustment in the course of two months, by this survey the history of which I would defer bringing before your Board, untill the details are ready —

5th. I have discharged the greater part of my former Survey Cutcherry but with leave of your Board, I will entertain ten Hooloos Mavies for writers of the valuation of the Soil (for the most expeditious mode of finishing at the rate of 30 Rupees p.r Mensum for each person employed —

6th. The Countrees south of the Nayel notwithstanding every exertion I could make to oppose the inaccuracy of Accounts in the villages were equally false and deceptious with those of Madura, three Years experience convinced me of the folly

folly of further reliance and I directed a Survey on these talooks in April last which I have completed and on the accounts of this survey I hope to shew my present Years Jumma and enable Government to determine permanency thereon

7th. A very considerable probable increase is of power from the unadjusted Accounts before me, I do not pledge myself but I think it may be from the rough estimate from Seventy to Eighty thousand Star Pagodas.

8th. The details for the Permanency of Dindigul are ready the immediate cause of delay is the want of copyists, which are not to be got, they shall be sent with every possible expedition and will I hope give the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council sure proof of the efficacy of the Survey –

9th. Under the permission received respecting the erection of the Cutcherries I shall build three in the Dindigul District and five in the Countries South of the Nayel, they are absolutely necessary on the reduction of the establishm.t which I propose shortly to make and the expence of erection in comparison will equal little more than one Quarter of the expence reduced in one Year by lessening the Number of the Cutcherry –

10th. The Paragraphs relative to Madura, with permission of your Board shall be answered in my next report on that district, there appears nothing so material as to demand immediate explanation, as on the current settlement all required will be explained –

11th. I beg to assure your Board of my every exertion to perfect to the wishes of Government as noted to me in the late communication, and to repeat my hopes that every future endeavour of mine may receive the same appro-bation they have hitherto been honored with –

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Gentlemen –

Dindigul
14th January 1803

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor
Fort St. George –

Sir,

I was favored with your letter of the 7th on the 11th instant –

2d. I delayed answering it until I could ascertain the possibility of com-plying with your order according to the time prescribed which with every exertion of mine I find absolutely impracticable –

3rd The reason is the seasons had been so very backward that the #
Jummabundy is as yet not made especially for the Madura Country and
hence I cannot form the estimate with that accuracy you require —

4th The Jummabundy for Madura is also later this Year from its #
being formed on the survey of that district and I fear it will be wholly
impossible to finish it under eighteen days — You may be assured I
will use every exertion to prevent delay and forward the estimate the #
moment I know the exact Jumma —

5th I expect a very considerable increase in the Revenue, but as yet
it is ascertained only in the districts settled —

6th I request to know in what manner I am to bring the #
collections on account of the Military Bazars in my accounts whether a #
separate head is to be raised in the Account Current or in the Extra Revenue
Account —

I have the honor to be —
Sir
Your very Obed.t Serv.t
J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Dindigul
20th January 1803

My dear Innes

I shall want from you two Tumbrills in addition to my
own, let me know whether I can have them or not without reference to #
Trichinopoly, that I may do the needful directs, the greater part of the Remit-
tance (in Gold) will take up very little room —

I have sent after your Artagan, and for the trouble I have had
I hope he will be brought in, and that your tots will not becay on him —

To
Lieut. Col.l Innes
&c. &c.

Yours ever & Sincerely
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 21st January 1803 —

Major Green &c. &c.

Sir,

I have your favor respecting the Powder and beg to enclose you
an order to my manager to deliver the whole to your charge, which but for the #
mistake I was under might have been done some time since —

I am
Sir
Your very Ob.t H.ble Serv.t
J. B. Hurdis
Coll.r

Dindigul
23rd January 1803

Major Green
&c.ª &c.ª

Sir,

The Senior Assistant Collector communicated to me the conversation he had with you in Respect to the occurrance that took place in Madura during your absence at Trichinopoly –

2d.

I shall send the Papers to you that you may see the transaction and as there is one part that attaches from the officer in charge to you in the assertion that the man complained of (Iyacunnen) was a private Servant of Major Greens and that he must have acted under his authority I beg the favor of your answer thereto, fully persuaded that you could never have encouraged the misconduct of the Butcher or protected him in the improprieties he was guilty of –

3d.

I beg the favor of you to direct the Cash received from 1st. to the 7th. January inclusive on account of the Arrack Rent, to be paid to the Mandadalla Tasildar Narrain Row, who will give you a Receipt for the Amount which if you will have the goodness to send to me + I will verify it –

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Dindigul
25th. January 1803

J. Irwin Esq.
&c.ª &c.ª

Dear Sir,

It would have given me great pleasure could I have complied with your wishes, but the late orders of Government not only extend to prevent such things, but will, I fear affect you more, as the Choultry occupied by you cannot be rendered private property in any Respect and will be claimed when the Pagoda ceremonies commence by the parties to whom it belongs –

I am
Dear Sir,
Very Obediently Yours
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
27th. January 1803

The Resident
at Tanjore -

Sir.
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 29th. Jany. -

2d.
I am sorry his Excellency the Rajah should alter his Route as there will be great difficulty in getting the supplies his people may require -

3d.
I beg to enclose a Paper of supplies made but not paid for, and have to request that you will cause payment to be made for these sort of Articles in future as the custom of these districts does not admit of any exemption on these Articles -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedt. Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
30th. January 1803

Major Green Commanding
Madura -

Sir.
I have the pleasure of transmitting letters received from Lieut. McDougal while in charge of Madura with my reply thereto -

2d.
Vide letter No. 5. Para 3. — In compliance with the request of that Officer, I directed my Manager Narrain Row to receive charge of the Bazars attached to the Mily. not in conformity with General Orders of the 22d. September 1802 which directed relinquishment of contract by the Commanding Officer, but in accommodation to his wish expressed in his letter of 5th. Instant Para. 7th.

3d.
The instructions I received were such as not to admit of my fixing the mode of vending arrack in future but in communication with you, I mentioned that he would be answerable for the receipts on that account until the future mode of vending was settled under instructions received and in communication with you. I am sorry to observe he misconceived the meaning -

Vide Colls. letter No. 5 date 6th. Jany. Para. 3 -

Vide Lt. McDougal letter date 8 Jany. Para. 10.

4th.
I have the pleasure of transmitting for your information, translations of the Arrack Code recently published drawn out in conformity to the Madras Regulations; any additions you may conceive necessary to preserve Regularity in the Garrison I shall be happy to make -

5th.
Vide letter No. 4 Para. 6th — The interference of the Officer in charge in sending for & examining the

Heads

head Sirkar Servant was in direct opposition to all orders whatever, and the Circum-stance of his detaining the Butcher Iyaconnum (ordered by me to Dindigul) upon Complaints of certain Excess which have been proved on him upon the plea of his being the only one in Madura was equally improper Vide Para 3. letter No. 2, there being no less than thirty one Butchers in Madura at the time of his apprehension and many of them venders of meat under Iyaconnums influence —

6th The Ultimate assertion of his being a private Servant of yours Vide Lieut. McDougal's letter dated 8th Jany Para 5th to which I request the favor of your answer and acting under your Authority I am led (from your notice of him to the Senior Assistant Collector) to think unfounded, but supposing the Butcher in question to have been the only one in Madura as stated by that Officer he had under orders of 22d. Apl. and others previously thereto issued no authority over him whatever as the Butcher was Amenable in a case of Civil injury to the Civil power only —

Vide G. O 22d Sept. Read.

7th In respect to the Substance of the Complaint that the Officer in charge made of the Butchers being obliged to criminate himself, I am satisfied that from the investigation I directed through the Senior Assistant proof of his criminality was fully established & that misconception of what passed, induced the Officer in charge to write a Complaint, which on a subject was not with him under any known order to enquire into —

Vide letter No. 4 from Para 3 to 10 inclusive —

8th A reference to Lieut. McDougal's letter Vide Para 6th. date 8th. Inst. will shew that he received the Amount on Acct. Sales of Arrack until 7 instant. This Amount I request the favor of you to remit to me Direct, and I will have pleasure in giving you my receipt for it —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. B. Hurd
Collector

Dindigul
31st. January 1803

The Sub treasurer
Fort St. George —

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill No. 115 dated 1st. February 1803 for Star Pagodas Four Thousand three Hundred by the Madura Regt.

on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue –

I have the honor to bee

Sir

Your very Obed^t Servt

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Collector

Dindigul

1st February 1803

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor

Fort St George –

Sir,

I beg to enclose Receipt of the Sub treasurer for Star Pagodas 105,783 .. 43 . 13 . remitted to the General treasury as a Corroborative Voucher for the Charges entered in my Accounts for December 1802 –

I have the honor to bee

Sir,

Your very Obed^t H^ble Servt

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Collector

Dindigul

1st February 1803

The President & Members

of the Board of Revenue –

Gentlemen –

I beg to transmit according to the previously received orders specimens of the writing in the Tamul & translations of my Assistants –

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I am happy in having the opportunity of observing to your Board that their Progress is satisfactory and as I have not any reason to doubt a Conti-nuation of their perseverance I trust the next specimens will indicate qualifications for appointments superior to those they are present engaged in –

I have the honor to bee

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Collector

Dindigul

3^d February 1803

The Secretary to Government
in the Judicial Department—

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd January bearing Post mark 4th Inst. and this moment received—

2. I request the favor of you to inform his Lordship in Council of my implicit obedience to the orders received, at the same time it is necessary for me to observe that there is not any Cutchery at Dindigul, nor any public building of any description whatever fit for the reception of the Judges—

3rd. The Mutsuddies of my Cutchery are from want of a Cutchery # always in tents, the Hindoo & Malabar letter writers occupy a Veranda of my Bungaloe and the English writers occupy what is an occasionally bed Room—

4th. Much inconvenience has arisen from the necessity imposing this expedient on me, but the permission given by his Lordship in Council, for my erecting Cutchery as communicated in letter Janry through the Board of Revenue will as I have collected Materials obviate future difficulties—

5th. In the present emergency there is only one way of assisting the Judges, there are two Houses in the lower fort very large, one of which was the Cutchery of Syed Saib and the other his dwelling House; The Cutchery is occupied by Garrison Stores, by Hospital Stores &ca. and is very much out of repair—

6th. The dwelling house is a spacious handsome Choultry in the Musselmans fashion of building terraced and built upon and which tho' # much out of repair with a small expence might be made fit for the present occasion. It is occupied at present by the Adjutant of the Corps in Garrison—

7th. I beg leave to suggest for the approbation of his Lordship in Council that the Commanding Officer be directed to deliver over this house to the Collector to be repaired by the Collector as well as time may furnish for the temporary Court house of the Judges, should his Lordship be pleased to approve of this suggestion, I request that the orders may be sent with as little delay as possible, as the Judge of circuit is soon expected here—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedt.
Humble Servant

Dindigul
7th February 1803

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor
Fort St. George –

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive the Statement shewing the Probable Balance of Cash in hand on the 28th Instant –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obed. Hble Servt.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Dindigul
8th February 1803

The Sub treasurer
Fort St. George –

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill for Star Pagodas Seventeen, fanams Thirty, & Cash Sixty five (17. 30. 65) on the Board of Revenue in favor of the Trustees of the Civil fund –

I have the honor to be
Sir &ca. &ca.
J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
8th February 1803

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor
Fort St. George –

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive the Accounts of the District under my Charge for the Month of January 1803 –

I have the honor to be
Sir &ca. &ca.
J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Dindigul
8th February 1803

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue –

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting the demand collection and Balance of the districts under my Management for the Month of Jany which having brought before the Board, be so good to send to the Accountant General the Register of Bills and Return of Troops Accompanying it –

I have the honor to be
&ca. &ca.
J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
8th February 1803

The Subtreasurer –

Fort St. George –

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill by Mr. G. A. Hughes on the House of Messrs. Harrington Burnaby & Cockburn dated 7th. February 1803 for Star Pagodas (8,000) Eight Thousand drawn in my favor and endorsed to you –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
Humble Servt.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
13th. February 1803

The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue –

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to forward copy of a letter and accompanyments from Mr. George Hughes and to solicit the recommendation of your Board in favor of the petition with Government –

I have the honor to be
With great Respect
Gentlemen
Your very Obedt.
Humble Servt.
J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
14th. February 1803

The Account. General & Civil Auditor –
Fort St. George –

Sir,

Previously to receipt of your favor of the I had arranged for remitting a sum of money to Madras, and this arrangement could not be done away without much consequent disappointment and distress to the party –

2d.

As the advance was proposed to be generally in coins current only to the South, I conceived I should not do ill, by making it, since it would not render my treasury less competent to the discharge of such Remittance as might be ordered to other parts, I have therefore made it, and I trust to be excused if I have acted improperly for the reasons I have given –

I request to be informed if permission will be given to raise an head in the Account Current for the process on account of the Military Bazar

Dindigul 14th. February 1803 –
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

J. Rowley Esqr. Senior Judge of Circuit –

Sir,

I have the pleasure to transmit copy of a letter and its accompa-

-nyments, just received for your Information, and to request the Certificate alluded to may be sent without delay —

Having reason to suppose your Establishment has been lately increased by the appointment of a Surgeon &ca I beg the favor of you to note to me such increase that the necessary reference may be made by me to the Office of Audit to prevent delay in the Payment of your Indent which only extend on the present to the order now sent you —

Dindegul 15th February 1809 (Signed) R. D. Hurdis
Collector

The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen —

I beg leave to transmit enclosed a Bill presented for payment by Lieut. Colonel Innes stated to be batta due the Guard, that escorted treasure from hence to the treasury at Fort St. George —

2d This guard was at my Requisition in the first instance for the safe transit of the treasure and as such is entitled to revenue batta, whilst so acting —

3d But this treasure was delivered on the 9th of January into the Treasury at Fort St. George and the Officer in charge of the escort received an order from the Commander in Chief to remain at Fort St. George upon duty totally unconnected with Revenue Service on my requisition —

4th Premising thus much, I request the orders of your Board for the satisfaction of Audit on the following question; Whether Revenue be liable to the whole of this Batta charge as entered in the Bill or whether it be liable to as much of it only as falls due to the day on which superior authority caused the detention of the guard on public Service at Madras and unconnected with my Requisition —

5th On the former Question I have delayed Payment, on the latter I have not objected to pay it partially that is up to the day the Commander in Chief detained the Guard, on that day conceiving its connexion with my requisition done away. I have thought it exclusively a Military charge —

6th In this I have been guided by precedent, a guard required under to escort prisoners 26th July, on the 28th was sent to Madras, this Guard was detained on or about the 18th August to return with a party of his Majesty's 12th Regt by order of the Commander in Chief, published; from which date Revenue did not pay batta to that Guard, but it was returned in the batta as joined on the 18th August from which period the charge was exclusively Military —

7th Hence I conceived the same principle should have had effect in this

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Lieut. Townsend

Acting Fort Adjutant

Madura —

Sir,

I am directed by the Collector of Dindigul to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date & c.

The necessary orders have been published respecting the new coined Pagodas, orders have likewise been given for the destruction of all Pariar dogs found in the Streets of Madura during the hot season —

Whenever it may be convenient for Major Green to remit the money he has received from Lieut. McDougal on account of the Bazar from the 1st to the 7th of Jany but Mr. [illegible] will be obliged to him to do so, but as it is of little consequence whether it is received now or some time hence he desires Major Green will put himself to no inconvenience or trouble on that account whatever —

Signed / [illegible] Watts

Acting [illegible]

Dindigul

17th February 18[illegible]

case, since whether the order be published in General Orders or be given from the Adjutant Generals Office it supersedes the Collectors requisition and places the party wholly on Military Batta –

8th. I request the favor of an early answer to this reference –

Dindigul 18th February 1803 (Signed) H.B. Hurdis Collector –

The Hon'ble Company

To Batta to the Undermentioned guard detached from the 2d Battn. 13th Regt. N. Infantry stationed at Dindigul for the Month of January & February 1803 –

Detail: Lieutenant	Jemidar	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers	Privates	Total Noncommissioned & privates	When detached & where Ordered	By whom Ordered	On what Service	When joined	No. of Days	Amount of Abstract: Pags.	Ms.
1	1	2	2	1	59	64	15th Decr. 1802 Madras	Lieut. Col. Innes	Revenue Collrs. requisition.	17th feby. 1803	48	30	323[illegible]
										Total	–	30.	323[illegible]

Star Pagodas thirty & Madras fan. Three thousand two Hundred thirty f[illegible]

(Signed) Richard West Lieut. Comm. of a detacht. 2d Bn. 13th [illegible]

To H.B. Hurdis Esqr. Collector

(Signed) Jas. Innes Lieut. Comm. 2d Bn. 13th R.N.

Received payment the day of february 180[illegible]

(Signed) Jas. Innes

Dindigul 18th february 1803

NB The five days over what is allowed for the March of troops to and from the Presidency which the above detail was detached at Madras was by order of the Commander in Chief on public duty – (Signed) Jas. Innes Lt. Colo.

The Senior Judge of the Court of Circuit and of Appeal in the Southern Division –

Sir,

I have been favored with the letter of the Register in reply to mine to you of the 15th. –

2d. I will by this days Tappall forward to the Office of Audit Copies of Mr. Register Irwin's letter –

3d. I am not authorised to pay any sums but those entered in the establishment inclosed in my letter of the 15th. –

4th. In furtherance for obtaining authority for Contingent Charges as noticed in Para 3. of Mr. Irwin's letter I have to request you will send an Estimate thereof, that I may transmit it to the Office of Audit for sanction, – unless it should appear more adviseable to you to make direct application to Government and request its orders through Audit may be conveyed

to

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

to me —

Dindigul
19th February 1803

The Accountant General Head Auditor
Fort St. George —

Sir,

I transmitted copy of your letter & Establishment for the
Vide No. 42.3 - Southern Court on receipt of it to the Senior Judge, I beg leave to send copy of the answer to my letter of the enclosure and copy of my reply —

2d. As the sanction of Government is necessary to cause your admission of charges in my Accounts, extra to those received in the Memorandum from your Office, I beg the favor of you to forward the memorandum of such payments as are to be made on the Appointment of the Assistant Surgeon & contingent charges as noted in Para 3. of Mr. Register Irwin's letter of the 18th Instant —

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 19th February 1803

Major Green
Commanding Madura —

Sir,

I am favored with your letter of the 25th covering Correspondence with Lieut. Macdougal, I beg you will accept my thanks for the communication —

2d. Previously to the receipt of your former favor addressed to Mr. Assistant Collector Watts the enclosed letter from Lieut. McDougal came to me —

3 Under existing orders it is necessary that answers to letters sent thro' Commanding Officers, should be returned thro' the same channel and under this impression I had resolved to return it thro' you —

4th. Independantly of this, I do not hold the letter either as an Apology or even as a slight acknowledgement of improper interference —

5th. I am sure that Lieut. McDougal would never have defended the man Syacunnum [illegible] whose conduct has caused this unpleasant correspondence had he known him, nor would he have so positively made assertions respecting him as entered in his letters to me of the 5th. 8th & 10th. of January, had he given me proper consideration to the subject, independant of his interference with the Sirkar Servants —

6th. Under this impression I beg leave in returning Lieut. McDougal's letter through you, to mention once more that if Lieut. McDougal will acknowledge the impropriety of his conduct and express his regret for its in any manner that you may deem right proper, I shall be perfectly satisfied to receive it from you, but if he still think it proper to refuse this second offer

Major Genl [illegible]
Commanding
of Madura

Sir,

Mr. Hurdis wishing to afford Lieut. McDougal an opportunity of avoiding the consequences that might result from a reference of his conduct to the consideration of Government, authorizes me to say that no further notice will be taken of the [illegible] provided he will express his conviction of having been guilty of inappropriate Conduct in interfering with the [illegible] Servants of the Sirkar in the discharge of their duty, and of having made use of violent & improper Language in his letters of the 8th & 10th of Jany last to the Collector which letters have been sent to you and your opinion expressed thereon has strengthened the conviction in Mr. Hurdis's breast of the impropriety of Lieut. McDougal's conduct.

Mr. Hurdis will therefore be obliged to you to make this proposition to him, at the same time allowing him a perusal of his letter to you of the 2nd [illegible] and transmit the result as soon as possible —

Signed J. T. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul
19th February 1803

To The Commercial Resident

at Ramnad —

Sir,

The customary [illegible] [illegible] make their [illegible] to settle the Expences authorized by Government to be given for Standard Goods of different qualities and the Deductions made under that allowance, that description thus not only appears necessary for the information of the Weavers themselves but to prevent collusion amongst their immediate Superintendents —

It is necessary for a Commercial Res.^t engaging Weavers in any district under a Coll.^r to furnish that Collector with a List of such as he may from time to time engage on the Public Account stating their Place of Residence &c.^a that he may know who is exempt from the Loom Tax —

Extract of a letter from the Sec.^y to the Board of Revenue — Respecting the necessary list to this effect I had the pleasure of transmitting to you some time ago copy of which accompanys.

I have therefore to request you will transmit to me a list of those engaged last year on the Public Account and from whom the Loom tax was collected that the sums so taken may be remitted to them respectively and furnish as you may from

time

to have engage in the District under my
Charge —

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

I shall have nothing left but to lay all the Papers including those now received from you which have arisen from the circumstances of my correspondence with Lieut. McDougal before Government for their decision —

7th. I beg the favor of you to return the letter from Lieut. MacDougal now sent to you in event of his not acceding to this proposal as it will be a number in the Packet to the Government —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Dindigul 27th February 1803

The Senior Judge of the Court of Circuit and of Appeal in the Southern Division —

Sir,

I had the honor of receiving Mr. Register Irwin's letter & enclosures of the 25th February this Morning —

2d. I am sorry to inform you that I can not discharge any indent except such as is drawn out in conformity with the one I transmitted as received from the Office of Audit —

3d. I refused Mr. Register Irwin's letter respecting Mr. Hay's & allowances on receipt to the Auditor untill his answer arrives I cannot discharge it —

4th. I am obliged to observe that copies of orders or letters on these sort of subjects are not held as Vouchers by the Civil Auditor, consequently I am not at liberty to receive them, or to make any payment thereon —

5th. I beg leave to return the indent and request it may be made like the one sent by the Auditor and that Mr. Hay's allowances be struck out when I will remitt the Amount —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Dindigul 28th February 1803

The Officer Commanding Dindigul —

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit the above written Extract of letter from Mr. Secretary Greenway and have to inform you that I shall be ready to receive the buildings, so soon as the Materials for repairs arrive, or sooner if should it prove more convenient to you —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 28th February 1803 —

The Senior Judge of the Court of Circuit and of Appeal in the Southern Division —

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit copy of letter this Morning received from the

Accountant General & Civil Auditor which admits the, of my discharging the allowances to the Assistant Surgeon attached to your establishment, but precludes Payment of Contingent Charges unless duly authorised—

The Indent for Cash shall be discharged on your sending your Shroff with it to receive the money— (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Dindigul 1st March 1803 Collector—

The Commercial Resident
at Salem—

Sir,

Your letter of the 25th with the Bill for 85,000 Star Pagodas, reached me this morning, the money is ready for you and shall be delivered to your Shroff on his arrival here, I shall apply to the Commanding Officer for the necessary escort, and provide carriage for the treasure, so as to be ready for your servant the moment of his arrival— (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Dindigul 1st March 1803 Collector—

The Officer Commanding
Dindigul—

Sir,

The Commercial Resident at Salem having applied for Cash from the Treasury of this Collection, I have to inform you that Eighty five Thousand Pagodas will be ready for him on the arrival of his Shroff—

2d. I have to request of you such guard for its safe transport from hence to the Salem factory, as you may judge proper, the treasure must from necessity be packed on Bullocks. I will inform you of the day it may be necessary for the party to leave this so soon as the Residents Servant arrives, & will at the same time furnish the route— (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Dindigul 1st March 1803 Collector—

The Commercial Resident
at Salem—

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st March is arrived covering Bill for 20,000 Star Pagodas which shall be paid as your desire— Your Peon & Shroff arrived here last night—
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Dindigul 5th March 1803— Collector

The

The Senior Judge of the Court of Circuit
and of Appeal in the Southern Division
Madura –

Sir,

I have this day sent treasure in discharge of your indent as pr the inclosed Invoice –

2d. I have to request on receipt of the Treasure that you will sign a receipt on the Invoice now sent and on the duplicate with the Naigue of the Guard, returning both to me, as vouchers for my Accounts for the Auditor & Treasury –

3d. I am sorry I could not sooner remit the Amount, but a great demand on my treasury for the investment has prevented me –

Dindigul
6th March 1803
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Officer Commanding
Dindigul –

Sir,

I beg the favor of you to send to the Cutcherry a guard to escort a small invoice of Treasure to Madura to the provincial Court –

Dindigul
9th March 1803
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

The Judge of the Court of Circuit
and of appeal – On circuit
at Dindigul –

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting Calender of Prisoners, with the documentary evidence on the crime of each & every one –

2d. I much wished that all the Papers required by Regulation VI, Section XIV, could have been made ready, want of proper Servants for the execution of the work as well as of absolutely necessary time has prevented it –

3d. Whilst offering this, in excuse for its not being done, I hope what has been effected, will assist in the dispatch of public business, and that on the introduction of a system, mistakes which arise from innovation only may be excused –

4th. I beg leave to transmit copy of letter from Secretary to Governmt. dated January 22d. 1803. and to hope that whilst you may find every thing according to the spirit of the orders therein contained you will feel that consideration for the high Office entrusted to you, would have induced every

hope

possible mark of respect from me
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 7th March 1803

The Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

I beg to transmit copy of letter received in answer to reference on the Batta bill, and to inform you I shall be ready to discharge any sum due to the escort according to its tenor — The bill I sent with your signature has not been returned —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
8th March 1803

The Commercial Resident at
Salem

Sir,

I transmit Invoice of Cash remitted to your factory this day the duplicate of which you will receive by the Guard —

2d

I request you will add your accept to the two Invoices and return them to me as Vouchers for my accounts as to the Cash remitted with the least possible delay —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 8th March 1803

The Officer Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

As many of the murders confined on the Rock, as the Cutwall may point out for Arrangement at the Court of Sessions — I have to request the favor of you to cause to be delivered in charge to the Cutwall —

Dindigul 9th March 1803 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Major Grant
Commanding Madura

Sir,

I annex copy and translate of complaint brought by a Man named Soopen against an Officer of your Corps, and request you will make the necessary enquiry into the business and take such measures on it, as circumstances require as well for justice towards the individual in the present as for protection against the future

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 12th March 1803

The Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

Having understood a large quantity of Military Stores were passing

Dindigul I expected agreeably to orders I had received dated 8th March 1802 that the Officer or Non Commissioned Officer would have produced to me the regular passport, as well on account of these orders as to secure the necessary supplies for the party & cattle with him –

2d Finding however that he did not come I sent for him & desired to see his passport which with some unwillingness he produced, and I desired him to wait for the necessary orders to the Sirkar Servants in the different Talooks, he was however called away by an orderly, I desired him to go, but return for the orders, this he promised to do, but did not act accordingly –

3d I think it right to mention this to you previously to writing Government on the Subject conceiving, you may be able to prevent the like in future by giving full force to the orders of Government by a Division order to prevent the unwillingness there may be on the part of the Guards to produce the passport to those authorised to ask for it, but should you not feel it necessary I shall have much satisfaction in being set right by a reference on the subject –

4th I should hope this Havildar would produce his passport when it may be copied for otherwise much delay may happen in the passage of the Stores through the districts under me and which would not have been the case had the Havildar acted as I desired and he promised –

Dindigul 14th March 1803 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Officer Commanding
the Southern Division of the Army –

Sir,

Annexed I have the honor of sending Copy of letter from Mr. Secretary Buchan and from the very great inconvenience I have experienced from the want of proper means for transport of treasure I have to request the favor of you to issue such orders as may in future remedy it, the Cash of my treasury is held at the direct disposal of Government –

Dindigul 15th March 1803 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

The Paymaster
at Madura –

Sir,

I return the enclosure attested on honor, I was not informed of the necessity of such attestation when acting under direct orders or I would have saved you the trouble by previously making it –

2d If the order regulating this, be in your Office I will be glad of a Copy of it as well to save your Office, as mine future trouble –

Dindigul 20th March 1803 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Accountant General Civil Auditor
Fort St. George —

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit the extra estimate called for in your letter of the 9th Jany last. I lament the delay that has happened but the difficulties in forming the Jummabundy of these districts were such as I could not overcome sooner so as to render the estimate as you wished it —

2d. The repairs of Tanks &c. depending wholly on the season it is not possible to specify the particular sums which may be disbursed in particular Months it is submitted therefore that a deduction of the whole sum by [illegible] 132012. 4. 38 be made from the grand total, and that the remainder be taken in the several proportions of monthly net collections, as it[?] now at present —

3 The increase in the Jumma this Year was the consequence of last season, it may fall in the next, added to this way of the Coins in currency to the South are such as are not used in other Countries, hence altho' the Revenue may be realized, Government may not be able to avail itself of the extent intended —

Dindigul 21st. March 1803 (Signed) T. B. Hurdis[?]
Collector —

The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen —

Under Date 15th. March 1802 I had the honor of receiving orders from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Dated 8th. March as follows (Enter letter 8th. March) —

2d. Under these orders I thought proper to require a sight of a Passport with a Non-commissioned Officer in charge of Stores from [illegible] for Palgautcherry, whose unwillingness arising perhaps from ignorance of

Vide No 1 these orders induced me to address the Officer Commanding the Division —

3d. It is likely that the Havildar was not instructed to produce his passport for Stores from the Commandant of the Division to the Civil[?] Servants, in which case delay must have happened as under my orders to them founded on those of the 8th. March they would with propriety have insisted on it and detained the convoy, to prevent which on any future occasion, I suggested to Colonel Peter[?] the propriety of a division order on the subject —

4th. Colonel Peter's[?] answer I have the honor of sending and as it occurs to me that my reasons may be required more fully I have

explained

explained to Col. Pater in my letter of the 14th I beg leave to state them as apply-
=ing also to other Orders than these above recited –

5th The Guard with the Stores was small but necessity from the reported state of the Country to the Westward caused its increase at Dindigul and a party under an Officer, met the convoy; I believe on requisition in relief at or near Otach: supplies for the troops could be obtained but a provision for the numerous carriage cattle, might not without precaution have been so certain, the Number with this convoy was large, but I am not informed how many –

6th The eighth Para. of the G.O. of the 10th December 1794 details how such matters are to be regulated, and which I conceive with deference applies as well to the small detached Guards with large Convoys of carriage Cattle as to the march of a Corps or large Detachment and under this impression I submit respectfully that information should have been sent to me of the March of the party & Convoy, and of the particular Route they were to pursue that the regular measures might have been taken –

7th I beg this letter may be laid before Government and that their specific order on the subject may be requested –

Dindigul 23d March 1803 – (Signed) J. B. Hardis
Collector –

The Collector of Tinnevelly –

Sir,

According to the tenor and for the purpose expressed in the accom-
-panying copy of order from the Board, I send Three Hundred Bullocks to your charge I beg the favor of you to transmit to me receipts for the same in Triplicate

Dindigul 26th March 1803 (Signed) J. B. Hardis
Collector.

The Officer Commanding
the Southern Division of the Army –

Sir,

I was duly honored with your letter of the 19th Instant and regret that you should have had the trouble of writing so fully in answer –

2d Perfectly assured of your assistance in forwarding the public Service to its utmost prudent extent I beg to assure you that my requisitions will never be distress and the arrangements you have used to shew the inexpediency (even if it could be) of detaching twenty eight Tumbrils are surely a sufficient warrant for refusal –

3 This number viz.t twenty eight does not appear to have been required by me; a reference to my letter of 10th December 1802. enclosing copy of

one of the same date to the Officer Commanding Dindigul will shew that the number wanted at that time was seven, and that my request eventually extended to a like number for further transport –

4th. I do not expect to be in the same situation again as the requisition for these Tumbrills was the consequence of the Treasure being in Silver and the possibility of converting it into Gold so as in time to answer the wishes of Government –

5th. Two or at the utmost three Tumbrills with the means with me, be sufficient for any treasure I may now send and I will make the requisition as you desire, that as circumstances may warrant, it may be acceded to, or refused –

6th. The insecurity of treasure on Bullocks for a long journey is my reason for not using them if it can be avoided and the expence of transporting Silver by Collah Peons is too enormous for Government to be satisfied with such transport unless induced by absolute necessity –

7th. I beg to observe that a condemned Tumbrill might be repaired so as to answer for the transport of treasure, and if it should be in your power to assist me on requisition with such as I can repair for the journey I shall be thankfull for them –

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Dindigul 7th March 1803

The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue –

Gentlemen –

I have this day had the satisfaction of sending Maps of the survey of the districts under my management south of the Rivers Noyil & Cauvery – for the inspection of your Board and which I trust will be found correct, the field Books I have sent to the inspector of Revenue surveys –

2d. I beg leave to observe to your Board that I have had private information of an allowance of 5 Star Pagodas pr. Month being made to such of the Young Men from the Observatory whose apprenticeship had expired, in addition to the Provision of food, Cloths &c. now provided for them, and which allowance was to commence from the expiration of their apprenticeship –

3d. I am further informed that Mr. Goldingham has drawn partly the arrears due to the young men on this account to the 1st July 1802 from that period to this an arrear of nine Months equaling 135 S. Pags. is due to them

4th I beg leave to observe that the want of official communication has prevented my drawing what the liberality of Government was pleased to afford these young men, and to request that your Board will sanction the discharge of what is now due to them on the enclosed Abstract –

5th The laborious task these surveyors have executed will best bespeak their merit and the excellence of the institution, five of the young men have been under me partially more than six Years and I have much pleasure in giving testimony to their diligence and activity in business –

6th Under this impression I venture to recommend that their Salaries now amounting to 16 St. Pagodas each pr. Month be increased to Twenty five Star Pagodas each pr. Month persuaded that their future assiduity will prove their gratitude to Government for its liberality towards them

7th I have directed the Surveyors to proceed & Survey the Manapara Pollams and Madura Province, which I trust will shortly be completed & in such way as to ensure the approbation of your Board –

Dindigul 1st. April 1803 (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Abstract of Additional allowances due to three Assistant Surveyors with Mr. Collector Hurdis –

	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Drawn by Mr. Goldingham to 1st. July 1802 at 5. S Pag.s each pr. Month				193.	22.	40
due from 1st. July to 1st. April at 5 Pagodas each pr. Month						
John Ambrose Johnson 9 Months - - -	45	"	"			
Thomas Turnbull Do. - - - - -	45	"	"			
James Allan - - - do. - - - - -	45	"	"	135	"	"

Errors Excepted

Dindigul 1st. April 1803 (Signed) { John Ambrose Johnson
Thomas Turnbull
James Allan } (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Coll.

The President & Members of
the Board of Revenue –

Gentlemen –

I have the honor of sending by a Coolie under charge of one of the Cutcherry Peons the Map of the Countries South of the Rivers Noyil & Cauvery advised of under this date – (Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Dindigul 1st. April 1803 Coll.

Colonel Pater
Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army —

Sir,

I was duly honored with your letters of the 30th March & 2d April and beg you will accept my best thanks for the readiness with which you have directed assistance in the transport of treasure when required —

2d. I shall most certainly give every possible information to you of any thing that may be wanted for the above Service, and in every other the most explicit detail I may be able —

Dindigul
3d April 1803

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Lieutenant Colonel Innes
Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

According to the accompanying list I beg leave to send Prisoners under condemnation for Security on the Rock —

2d. A sirkar Servant shall attend daily to pay them the prison allowance, unless you would rather depute any one to receive it for them —

Dindigul 5th April 1803

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

The President & Members of the
Special Commission —

Gentlemen —

I have the honor of transmitting to your Board my report and part of the details of it, respecting the permanent settlement of the Revenue of the Dindigul province —

2d. The bulk of the packages prevents the whole being sent this evening, the next Tappall will take the remainder —

3d. I have sent the general list of the details to them all, & a partial register of those sent this Evening —

4th. I cannot omit an Opportunity of expressing my sense of Mr. Watts assiduity in rendering every assistance in his power to hasten the transmission of the Report as well as of his general diligence which gives me the satisfaction of feeling that he will very soon prove himself worthy of an higher station,

5th. In a report involving such material interest of the event and the

Lieut. Townsend

Acting Fort Adjutant

Sir, Madura

Previous to, by the arrival of your letter of the 1st inst. Mr Harris had received information of the theft committed by the person mentioned by you, and considering him as a Camp follower had given orders for him to be punished in the public Market & driven out of the Madura Country. —

I should have answered your letter before had not the circumstance escaped my memory —

Dindigul 6th April 1803

(Signed) [illegible]
Actg Collector

To the Register of the Court of Circuit & of Appeal in the Southern Division - Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Collector of Dindigul to inform you that Treasury has this day been [illegible] in discharge of your Indents as p. the enclosed two &c. I am further directed to request you will on receipt of the same sign a Receipt on the [illegible] and return the Duplicate with the Pions, returning both as Vouchers for the Accounts for the Auditor & Treasurer —

(Signed) [illegible]
Acting Co[illegible]

Dindigul 7th April 1803

To The Collector

of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I am directed by the Collector of Dindigul [illegible]
to request you will forward to him receipts
in Duplicate for Three Hundred Bullocks
according to his letter of the 26th ultimo

Signed / J. W. Walker [illegible]
Acting [illegible]

Dindigul
7th April 1803

full of detail, I have feared to be more prolix, but I shall be happy to give any per=sonal explanation, and I trust the labor I have had in forming it will prove to your Board my apology for its delay in transmission –

Dindigul 6th April 1803 (Signed) T. B. Hurdis Collector

The President & Members of the Special Commission –

Gentlemen

Herewith I have the honor of sending the Statement as pr. list which the Tappall of last night could not take –

I also transmit duplicate of the general list of Details –

Dindigul 7th April 1802 (Signed) T. B. Hurdis Collector

Colonel Pater &c &c

Sir,

I had the honor of receiving your favor of the 5th Instant yesterday whilst regretting that you should have had so much trouble in providing for my wants, I beg leave to express my thanks for the communication you have so obligingly made –

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis Collector

Dindigul 8th April 1803 –

Lieut. Colonel Innes Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

According to the accompanying list I beg leave to send prison under condemnation for security on the Rock –

2d. A Cutcherry Servant shall attend daily to pay them the prison allowance unless you would rather depute any one to receive it for them –

Dindigul 9th April 1803 – (Signed) T. B. Hurdis Collector –

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue –

Sir,

Under date 3d October I transmitted to the Board letter covering receipt of the General Agent of Cavalry supplies for Star Pagodas 609. 5. 45 –

2d. Having been directed by the Accountant General to transmit such original receipts as had been granted to me by the general agent for the purpose of giving them over to the Subtreasurer as Vouchers for his debiting Military department for the Amount, I request of you to obtain permission of the Board and remit to the Accountant General the original receipt

of the General agent of Cavalry supplies, and to the Board on the date before mentioned —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Dindigul 10th April 1803

The Accountant General
& Civil Auditor

Sir,

As the only means in my power to procure the 1st of the set of receipts given by the general agent of Cavalry Supplies, the 2d of which was sent to you under date 9th Jany I beg to trouble you with the enclosed letter, which may procure what is necessary for the Sub treasurer —

Dindigul 10th April 1803

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue —

Sir,

Accompanying you will receive the Statement according to form directed in your letter of the 15th Ultimo —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Dindigul
16th April 1803

Captain George Hurdis
of H. M. Royal Navy —

Sir,

Herewith you will please to receive your Passport to Madras, which you will produce at the several station in your Route as required by either the Civil or Military authorities —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Dindigul
16th April 1803

The Commercial Resident
at Ramnad —

Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 28th Ulto and have to apologize for delay in answering it, which urgent business alone has occasioned —

2d. I beg to observe that I am not apprized either privately or Officially of the Weavers that you have engaged in the Madura Country, either by Number name or Residence —

3d. When I receive the specific detail from you as directed in the letter of the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 15th March 1802, enclosed in my letter to you of the 24th April 1802 I will apply to the Board for Orders necessary for remission of Loom tax —

4th.

4th. On making this remission public it is customary I believe to state the prices authorised by Government to be given for standard goods of different qualities and the deductions made when not answering standard, this not only appears necessary for the information of the Weavers themselves, but to prevent collusion amongst their immediate superintend Act.s —

5th. It is further necessary that the Commercial Resident should furnish the Collector with Lists of such as may from time to time have finished their work for the Company, that the Tax may be relieved, as well as the Lists of those who may be engaged for further work, that the Tax on such may be taken off —

6th. I am not authorised to publish indiscriminately an exemption of the Loom Tax but on the receipt of the details required as well for the last Year as the present Year I will take the earliest Opportunity of soliciting the orders of the Board on the subject —

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 16th. April 1803

The Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of annexing Copy of letter from the Accountant General and have to request that you will direct such party to be in readiness, as may ensure safe escort to the Presidency, not only of the very large sum from this treasury but for such also as may be ordered from the two other collections —

2d. As I am informed the State of the Stores will not admit of the supply of tumbrels, the whole of the Silver will from necessity be sent on Bullocks

3d. The route for the Treasure shall be sent so soon as I have heard from the Collector of Tanjore, Mr. Collector Wallace's treasure will be ready at Trichinopoly —

4th. The treasure from this Collection is now ready and if it can be made convenient I shall be happy to see tomorrow the Officer who may command the escort, at the treasury in the lower fort to attend the sealing & Packing the Bags.

5th. As this will take up at least two days, the party will probably not be required to march before Sunday or perhaps monday next —

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
21st. April 1803

The Accountant General
&c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor of informing you that the sum directed in your letter of the 16th Instant received yesterday shall if possible be sent from this treasury on Sunday or monday next all other directions will be obeyed.

Dindigul 21st April 1803 (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of this date, the second Paragraph of which imports that when all is ready the Officer will receive the necessary orders for his march to Trichinopoly where he will be guided by such further instructions as the Officer Commanding the Division may think proper to give him —

2d.

I beg to observe that my requisition is for an escort to Madras, and the orders conveying that requisition require me to direct the escort such a route as will enable them to receive other charges as noted in the Accountant General's letter, copy of which I had the honor of sending to you —

3d.

If there be circumstances that do not allow you to comply with my requisition to the extent of its intention, I request you will give me intimation that I may apply to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division to remedy what perhaps my informality of application may have caused, and which informality may have rendered your order limited to Trichinopoly more necessary in the present instance than on former occasions —

Dindigul
21st April 1803 - 3 P.M. (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieut. C. Mallow —

The Officer of the 2d Batt. 13th Regt. Commanding
the escort for Treasure to Madras —

Sir,

According to the accompanying Invoice you have treasure packed & sealed in Seven Hundred & thirty one Bags repacked in One Hundred & fifty one Gunny Bags of which twenty one are sealed up in a sealed Tumbrill with 12 Bullocks & 6 drivers and One hundred & thirty sealed Laden in Sixty five Sealed Bags carried by Sixty five Bullocks driven by Sixty five drivers & 3 Maistries —

2d.

In assistance to the transport you have extra drivers seven

& extra Bullocks seven —

3d

With the whole of the treasure & the carriage delivered to you by muster as noted in the invoice you will proceed to Fort St. George & deliver the sealed Bags containing the Treasure to the Subtreasurer (Mr. William Jones) taking his receipt for the number of sealed Bags of treasure on the duplicate Invoice reporting in the 1st Instance your arrival to the Chief Secretary to the Government —

4th

Having made the Delivery you will require the Sub Treasurers receipt on the duplicate & triplicate Invoice, one of which you will forward by the Tappall to me, retaining the other untill your return for delivery at that time to the Cutcherry —

5th

One of the Cutcherry Shroff Vinkitrama Chitty and four peons in assistance to him will accompany the escort you will receive them in charge also, and deliver up the said Shroff with the Treasure, the Tumbrill you will return on delivery the Bullocks which carries the Silver and the spare Bullocks —

6th

The Commanding Officer of this Station will furnish you with instructions, as to the steps to be taken for the Security of the charge but it is my duty to enjoin the strictest vigilance & attention in order to its safe delivery in Fort St. George at the Subtreasurers Office —

7th

In addition to this charge you are to receive a sum of money from the Collector at Trichinopoly, you will accordingly proceed thither by the direct route & report your arrival at Trichinopoly to him for the receipt of what he may have to send —

8th

I am further directed to order the escort by such route as may be most convenient for the receipt of treasure from Mr. Harris Collector of Tanjore — having received therefore the sums the Collector of Trichinopoly may have to send, you will proceed by the direct route to the residence of the Collector of Tanjore at Combaconum and receive from him what he may have to give —

9th

Mr. Wallace & Mr. Harris will in respect to their invoices instruct you severally —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 22d. April 1803 —

Abstract Invoice of Cash dispatched to the Presidency under charge of Subaltern Officer Lieut. Hatton Comm.g a Detacht. of one Jemidar, two Havildars, Two Naigues Sixty Sepoys & One Drummer of 2d. Battn. 13th. Regt. N. I. Consigned to William Jones Esqr. Subtreasurer —

	Tumbrill	Maistries	Cowries	Drivers	Gunny Bags on Bullocks	Small Gunny Bags		
	1					25	Gold Coins	Bags 208 is St Pags 175392
		3	13	65	65	130	Silver do	do 523 is do 74608
Extra Bullocks Total	1	3	13	65	65	155		Bags 731 St Pags 250000

The Accountant General
Fort St. George –

Sir

Enclosed I send Abstract Invoice of the Treasure sent
No. 1 from this Collectorate, and copy of my orders to the Officer commanding
No. 2. the escort, Whence I trust you will find your orders of the 16th Instant
literally & exactly executed – (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Dindigul 23d April 1803 –

The Collector of Trichinopoly &c &c

Sir,

I have this day despatched the Treasure directed for the Presidency, and desired the Officer Commanding the escort to proceed by the Direct Route to Trichinopoly, to report his arrival to you for the charge you may have to give him –

2d. I beg leave to state it as my opinion that it would be proper the escort should be increased, as the mode of carriage of treasure on Bullocks adapted here from absolute necessity requires greater cover than the present escort could spare for any additional number of them under this impression I submitt the propriety of your making requisition to the Officer Command'g the Division for an increase – (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
23d April 1803

The Collector of Tanjore –

Sir,

I have this day dispatched the Treasure directed for the Presidency and desired the Officer Commanding the escort to proceed by the Direct route from Trichinopoly to Combaconum to report his arrival to you for the charge you may have to give him –

2d. I beg leave to state it as my opinion that it would be proper the escort should be increased as the mode of carriage of treasure on Bullocks adapted here from absolute necessity requires greater cover than the present escort could spare for any additional number of them under this impression I submit the propriety of your making requisition to the Officer Commanding the Division for an increase – (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 23d April 1803

To The Register of the Court of Circuit
and of Appeal in the
Southern Division, Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Collector of Dindigul to inform you that Treasure has this day been despatched in discharge of your Indent as p. the enclosed Invoice —

2d. I am further directed to request you will on receipt of the treasure sign a Receipt on the Invoice now sent, and on the duplicate with the Rems, returning both as Vouchers for the Acctt. for the Auditor & Treasurer —

3d. According to the annexed Extract of a letter from the Deputy Accountant General the necessary deduction have been made from Mr. Rowley & Stoppage from Mr. Read's Salary —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Coll.

Dindigul
19th April 1808

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The Subtreasurer –
Sir. Fort St. George –

I beg to enclose abstract Invoice of treasure sent from this Collection according to orders dated 16th. April from the Accountant General, the Amount of which on receipt I request the favor of you to acknowledge by Du=plicate receipts –

Dindigul 23d. April 1803 – (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St. George –

Herewith I beg you may receive the Statement of Cattle required under date 11th. Decr., should any further detail be necessary, the village Accounts shall be sent if ordered –

Dindigul 26th. April 1803 – (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor –
Sir, Fort St. George –

Enclosed I have the honor of sending the Statement of Charg[es] as directed in Mr. Deputy Forbes's letter of the 18th. Instant –

Dindigul 26th. April 1803 – (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

The President & Members of the Board of Revenue –
Gentlemen –

I beg leave to transmit to your Board the Statement of the Bazars that hitherto have been attached to the Military in the Madura & Dindigul Provinces

2d. In Dindigul the only Bazars attached to the Commanding Officer were the Butchers, and sometimes the Bakers but since my arrival in the district none others of any description –

3d. Previously thereto a Monthly sum of 50 Star Pagodas had been paid to Colonel Cuppage but on what particular Account I am not informed. this sum However was withdrawn by the Committee in 1796 and none other given –

4th. The Bazars of Dindigul were never under the control of the Commanding Officer nor were they ever attached to the Military, the case may perhaps be singular and as such may hope for the indulgence of your Board in extend[ing]

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the profits thereof in this place as in others, to the purposes prescribed by the Regulations —

Vide No. 1. 5th. The Amount according to the Abstracts accompanying is trifling but I believe as much as can with propriety be levied on the different description of people paying the Tax —

6th. The general Orders of the 11th November 1794 prevented the Pariah Arrack licence from being given as such untill the late orders of 22d September 1802 the persons under Colonel Cuppage who used to conduct it & after assumption 27th November 1796 paid their house tax as Inhabitants and were generally included with others of the village paying the same Taxes —

7th. In the town & fort of Madura, the Butcher & the Shops used as Curry Stuffs, Shops & Rice Shops alone were under the controul of the Commanding Officer, under the denomination of the Main Guard Bazar. The Arrack & Toddy licence was also/being in the fort/under his controul & management and received as his prerogative rights untill the orders of 22d Septr. 1802 assumed it —

8th. The licence now granted is far less than it had usually yielded under the former management & the reason is that credit is not given to those

No. 2 who purchase as was formerly done, the licence granted & which was in communication with the Commanding Officer will show that every attention was paid to the regulations of 1st July 1801 — introduced at the presidency and that the health of such as may become purchasers has been attended to by regulating the price at such rate as may give them a choice of the liquor from the Stores or of that made in the village —

9th. To every Butcher in the accompanying list under Regulation 20th I have advanced a small sum 10 Pagodas to assist them in the first Year, after which the competition that must arise amongst them must certainly provide the best & most adequate supply for the markets that can be required which will give them the means of assisting themselves —

10th. The number of Bazars being so small I have not thought it necessary to appoint any other Officer than those which have ever been to superintend them nor do I think any other than the present Cutwalls — necessary.

11th. In the Bazars entered I have noted all that were by custom under the Officer Commanding, but not all within the fort, the total taxes

in which excluding the Main Guard Bazars Amount to Star Pagodas 1873. 35. 73 — and which neither appertaining to the controul of the Commanding Officer by usage nor claim, I have kept distinct that your Board may determine to whom they should in future belong —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 1st May 1803 —

The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen

I beg leave to send the Jumma bundy & Kist bundy of the Districts under my charge —

2d. I feel great satisfaction in shewing to your Board a very considerable increase in the Jumma of this Year in comparison with the last, and more so in knowing it the result of my anticipation of your Boards orders in respect to the Survey —

I have also the satisfaction of stating that every Cash, of the Jumma bundy & Kist bundy due, to the present moment has been regularly & easily realized —

3d. In the statement annexed shewing the total increase your Board will observe a difference when examined with the comparative abstract noted on the Jumma bundy — this difference is the consequence of the orders of Govt. in favor of the Pagodas of Madura and how much soever favorable to them, still leaves an increase on last Years Jumma in Madura —

Bd. letter date 3d. Jany

4th. I am the more gratified by this increase, as Tuccavy was not advanced during the last fusly in assistance to the Ryots — the permission of 3d. Jany for the advance not having reached me untill the 12th. when the collections of the current fusly had commenced —

5th. This was severely felt, untill the rains which were very late seconded the endeavours of the Ryot and ensured those crops of which much doubt had been entertained —

6th. I beg to acknowledge the receipt on 22d. April of the orders of your Board under date 24th. March covering copy of letter from the Collector of the ceded districts to his assistants dated 16th. June 1801 on the subject of Tuccavy —

7th. I trust the explanations I had the honor of giving your Board dated 28th. Octr. 1802 were such as would shew I had not neglected any means

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to ensure the application of the Tuccavy as expressed, & the manner Detailed as observed in these districts in the advance to the Ryots; will I believe shew to your Board that Major Munro's Sentiments and my own on the & advance when to be made, do not in any respect differ —

8th. I shall transmit report in detail so soon as possible which will answer every point of your Boards enquiry under date 3d. January and I hope satisfactory —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul 4th. May 1803

No. 4 In Register of May 1803 —

I do hereby certify that I have given due credit in my Accounts for the sum of Star Pagodas Eight Hundred paid into the Companys treasury here by Lieut. Colonel James Innes for which sum the said Lieut. Colonel James Innes, is to receive a Promissary Note of the Madras Govt. to bear Interest at 8 p Cent pr. Annum, and to be dated the day on which this Certificate shall be presented at the Office of the Accountant General there —

Star Pagodas 800 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Dindigul 8th. May 1803

Coins Received

1050 Companys Rupees at 350 p Cent	....	300
1750 Old Pondy Rupees at 350 p Cent	....	500
	Star Pagodas	800

N.B. granted under orders 8th. April 1802 —

Lieut. Colonel James Innes

Sir, &a. &a. &a.

Herewith you will receive Certificate for 800 Star Pagodas paid in Coins as noted into the Honble Companys treasury at Dindigul on which the Accountant General has under this date been advised according to order.

Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the Certificate —

Dindigul
8th. May 1803 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor
Fort St. George —

Sir,

I have this day granted a Certificate No. four for a Government 8 p Cent promissary Note for the sum of Star Pagodas Eight Hundred in

favor

Lieut. Colonel James Innes dated Dindigul May eighth One Thousand Eight Hundred & Three for which sum I have given Credit in Account –

Dindigul
8th May 1803

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Coins received

1050 Company Rupees @ 350 ₱ Cent	- - - -	300
1750 Old Py Rupees @ 350 ₱ Cent	- - - -	500
	Star Pagodas	800

The Secretary to the Government
in the Judicial Department –

Sir,

142 I beg leave to transmit the annexed Copies of letters for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council –

2d. The 5th & 6th Paragraphs of my letters of 6th February 1803 stated the Purposes to which these buildings in the lower fort of Dindigul were appropriated –

3d. The time between the arrival of your letter and the Judge of Circuits proposed entry on his duties at Dindigul, as such as considerations of Oeconomy and the objection in Lieut. Col. Innes's letter did not allow me to repair the buildings as suggested –

4th. I therefore offered to rent a detached House belonging to Mr. Conductor Johnson for the purposes of the Court at 30 Star Pagodas ₱ Month which necessity as well as oeconomy urged, and on Mr. Conductor Johnsons Agreement thereto, I made the proper arrangements for the Judge of Circuit –

5th. I now enclose copy of charges incurred on this Account, amounting as ₱ Abstract to St. Pags. 65 . . 5 with copy of the Judges Certificate annexed for which I request you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Right Honble. the Governor in Council in order that these charges may not be rejected in Audit –

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector –

Dindigul 8th May 1803 –

The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue –

Gentlemen –

In obedience to the orders of your Board I made erections for the purpose of innoculation and in the Abstract detail No. 1 enclosed, I send for your Boards approval account of the expence incurred –

2d.

2d. I also beg leave to send the Account particulars of the Carriage Cattle sent to the Collector of Tinnevelly as pr. his receipts according to the orders of your Board dated 14th. February 1803 –

3d. I have entered these Accounts of charges in my Accounts & request the sanction of your Board to the disbursements that they may not be rejected by the Office of Audit – (Signed) T.B. Hurdis

Dindigul 8th. May 1803 – Collector –

The President & Members

of the Board of Revenue –

Gentlemen –

In my letter under date 20th. October 1802. I promised your Board a further reduction of the Moyenzabitah for the Cutcherry of the conquered Countries –

2d. I am happy now to be able to bring it before your Board, I submit the accompanying Moyenzabita as what will be proper for the collection from 1st. July and in the comparative abstract between the present and the proposed Moyenzabita, I have the satisfaction of shewing the reduction is equal to what I noted as probable in my letter of 20th. October 1802 and gives an ultimate decrease for the Year of Star Pagodas 4353. –

(Signed) T.B. Hurdis

Dindigul 19th. May 1803 Collector –

Lieut. Colonel Innes

&ca. &ca.

Sir,

The tranquil state of these districts leaving me nothing to apprehend just now for the safety of the collections added to the propriety of dispensing with the service of the sepoys, when absolute necessity for such service does not exist, induce me to desire the reduction of the guard at Darapooram, a small guard being now left there will be adequate to all the probable expected service –

2d. I have directed the invalids who have been detached to join their Company at Dindigul –

(Signed) T.B. Hurdis

Dindigul 18th. May 1803 Collector

Lieut. Colonel Innes

Sir,

Having many papers of great consequence which cannot

accompany me to the Presidency, I beg to request to ensure their safety, a small guard, which shall be returned the moment of its arrival and delivery of those papers of my Office —

Dindigul 19th May 1803 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Commercial Resident
at Ramnad —

Sir,

I have been favored with your letter giving cover to a Register of such looms as are employed by the Company in the Madura district in order that they may be exempted from the Loom Tax —

2d. I cannot concede with you in the opinion, that the Tax ought not to be relieved, when the Company suspend their Advances to the Weaver, and I have had reason to conclude that several looms in your Register have not had advances from the Company for many Months and that the only ground of their being now inserted in it, is from no clearance of Account having taken place with them —

3d. I am farther of opinion that any partial exemptions from Loom Taxes is liable to much objection, But the impropriety of it is more particularly obvious when the Company by either ceasing to make any advances to the Weaver at all, or not to the extent of his capacity confer on him advantages when his situation and little is no way different from those Weavers who are compelled to pay it, and then the exemption would be granted to many persons at the expence of the Public Revenue, without any of the circumstances which could render it admissible —

Having had reason to believe that a Weaver registered by the Commercial Resident and exempted from Taxes has not the power under opinions at present assumed to dispose of his own labour, and is disqualified from working for Individuals, although the insufficiency & precariousness of the Companys funds frequently render them unable to afford advances to the Weaver so steadily or largely as they may require, I cannot but consider a restriction so indefinitely applied as it is at present a strong & important objection to any partial exemption whatever —

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector —

Dindigul 19th May 1803

The Accountant General & Civil Auditor
Fort St. George —

Sir,

I beg to transmit my annual Account to the 30th April

according to Forms enclosed in letter dated 13th. April 1803 which I trust will be found correct both in form & matter — (Signed) I. B. Hurdis Collector

Dindigul 19th. May 1803

The President & Members of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen —

I have the honor of laying before your Board the Abstract estimate of Tank &c. Repairs necessary in these districts —

2d. In these Estimates I have taken that latitude which the Works to their full completion appear to require and which may prevent future application —

3d. The details are very voluminous, and time has been wanting to translate them for your Board, but the lateness of the Season requires that the most necessary of the Works should be begun and I therefore request the sanction of your Board to the estimate — (Signed) I. B. Hurdis Collector

Dindigul 19th. May 1803 —

The President & Members of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to transmit accompanying Specimens of translation of the Malabar by Messrs. Watts & Ellis the latter Gentleman has sent in the papers Marked A. & B. translates of English into Tamul in the hopes of your Board noticing a progressive improvement —

(Signed) I. B. Hurdis Collector

Dindigul 19th. May 1803

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen,

I have this day received charge of these collections from Mr. Hurdis and have the honor of transmitting Duplicate of receipts given for the treasure delivered over by him — (Signed) I. N. Watts Acting Collector —

Dindigul 21st. May 1803 —

The Sub treasurer Fort St. George —

Sir

Enclosed I send you a Bill dated 21st. May 1803 for Star

Pagodas /2137. 26. 15/ Two Thousand One Hundred thirty seven fanams twenty six, & Cash 5 flow, by Mr. J. B. Hurdis on the house of Messrs. Harrington Burnaby & Cockburn in favor of Revenue —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul
22d. May 1803 —

To the Officer Commanding
Madura —

Sir,

According to the request contained in Mr. Adjutant Townsend's letter of yesterday date, I have the pleasure of forwarding to you a passport for the sepoy proceeding to join his Corps at Poona —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 26th. May 1803 —

To The Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

I have to request you will have the goodness to send to the Cutcherry tomorrow morning a Guard to escort treasure, Amounting to Three thousand five Hundred and thirty two Pagodas, thirty four fanams & thirty seven Cash to Madura for the Provincial Court, this requisition should not have been made had it been in my power to have furnished a sufficient guard of Peons to insure its safe transport —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Actg. Collr.

Dindigul 27th. May 1802

To The Register of the Court of Circuit
and of Appeal in the Southern Division
Madura —

Sir,

I have this day sent treasure in discharge of your Indent as pr. the inclosed Invoice —

2d. I have to request on receipt of the treasure that you will sign a receipt on the Invoice now sent and on the duplicate with the naigue of the Guard returning both to me, as Vouchers for my Accounts for the Audit & treasury —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 28th. May 1803

To The Officer Commanding
Madura —

Sir,

I have the pleasure of forwarding to you a passport for the

Widow of a Jemidar proceeding to Madras with a Sword, but as her name was not mentioned in Mr. Cousends letter, I have left an opening that it may be inserted by you —

I have likewise to request you will have the goodness to insert her name in the accompanying copy and return it to me as a Record for my Office —

(Signed) J. H. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul
29th May 1803 —

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly —

Sir,

I have this moment received your letter of the 1st Instant, in consequence of which I have issued orders to the Tahsildar of Madarvellem to dispatch under the care of two Peons Jopaup Kistnen late Renter of Tinnevelly, after he has satisfied the claim I have upon him —

Dindigul 3d June 1803 — (Signed) J. H. Watts
Actg Collector

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George —

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill No. 9 dated 1st June 1803 for Star Pagodas Three Thousand Seven Hundred (3700) by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue —

Dindigul 4th June 1803 — (Signed) J. H. Watts
Actg Collector

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly —

Sir,

The bearer will deliver to you the person of Jopaul Kistnen late renter of Tinnevelly — (Signed) J. H. Watts

Dindigul 5th June 1803 —
Acting Coll.

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department —

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting Register of Passports issued and received for the Month of February, March April & May

Dindigul 6th June 1803 — (Signed) J. H. Watts
Acting Coll.

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To The Officer Commanding
at Madura

Sir,

I have the pleasure of forwarding to you a passport for the sepoys proceeding from Madura to Poonah to join their respective corps according to your desire —

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 7th June 1803

To the Collector of
the Zilla Ramnad —

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have this day received orders to deliver over an application the district of Dindigul & Madura to your charge and am —

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 7th June 1803

To Mr. H.S. Grome

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have this day received orders to deliver over an application to your charge, that portion of Coimbatore the Revenue of which have hitherto been administered by the Collector in Dindigul —

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Coll.

Dindigul 7th June 1803

To the Commercial Resident
at Ramnad —

Sir,

By some mistake or other the inclosed has been detained here untill this time; Pray have the goodness to remit the Amount to me as soon as convenient —

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 12th June 1803

To the Senior Judge of the Court of Circuit
and Appeal in Malabar —

Sir,

On the 4th Instant I received Mr Assistant Collector Pearson's letter transmitting list of Queries which I have now the pleasure of returning duly answered and executed in my presence by Parany Appa Pillay and Golla Kistnan —

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Coll.

Dindigul 14th June 1803

To the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue —

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting diary of Proceedings for the Month of May — and am — (Signed) J. H. Watts
Dindigul 15th June 1803 Acting Coll.

To the Collector
of Trichinopoly —

Sir,

I have your favor of the 17th and have according to your request issued such orders to the surveyor as I trust will prevent a repetition of such conduct in future —

On receiving your assistants letter of the 31st May last I addressed a Letter to the Polligar of Togamallay at the same time enclosing copy of your Tahsildars Urzee dated 17th of May desiring he would state the circumstances fully to me and send the Aggressors to the Hussoor — Copy of his answer & the Declaration of the Muttermars I have the pleasure of enclosing from which it will appear that the Inhabitants of your district are the Aggressors not those of Togamally as stated by your Tahsildar —

I have given orders to the Tahsildar at Muttum to deliver to your people the Ryots that have emigrated from your district when under engagements to the Sirkar, and those that may hereafter be guilty of the same conduct —

I shall proceed to Muttum in the course of a few days and shall make the necessary enquiries respecting the encroachments said to be made by the Muttum inhabitants on the Lands of Coss acour-chy, and shall give such directions as the circumstances of the case may appear to merit — (Signed) J. H. Watts
Dindigul 19th June 1803 Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding
at Dindigul

Sir,

I have to request the favor of a guard for the protection of the

the Records that accompany me to Madura, on my arrival there the party sho.d be returned —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Coll.

Dendigul 19th. June 1803 —

To the Collector
of Trichinopoly —

Sir,

I have made strict enquiries respecting the encroachm.ts said to be made by the inhabitants of Palapretty of this Talook on the Lands of Cossacourchy —

It appears from the examinations that there was three years ago a Boundary dispute betwixt these two Villages which was then settled to the satisfaction of both Parties, and according to that se=ttlement the Inhabitants of Palapretty of this Talook have until this time cultivated without any objection having been stated to them by the inhabitants of Cossacourchy —

I have therefore to request you will order the inhabitants of Cossacourchy not to molest the inhabitants of this Talook in future long as they do not exceed their bounds which on enquiry I trust you will find they have not hitherto done —

Nuttum 23d. June 1803 (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Coll.

To the 2d. Judge of the Court of Circuit
and Appeal in the Southern Division
Trichinopoly —

Sir,

I have to report to you the death of Marra Saven No. 47 in the Calendar delivered to you when on Circuit for Trial and who was com=mitted to Prison by you —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

~~Mellore~~
26th. June 1803

To the Officer Commanding
Madura —

Sir,

I have to request the favor of a Guard for the protections of the Records of my Cutcherry at Tripacollum —

(Signed) J. Watts
Actg Coll.

Tripacollum
29th. June 1803

To the Junior Judge of the Court of Circuit
& Appeal for the Southern Division
Trichinopoly —

Sir,

As all the Prisoners belonging to the Conquered Countries South of the Moyel the districts of Dindigul & Madura and the documents relative thereto are at present at Dindigul and there being not the smallest accomodation in the conquered Countries either adequate to the purposes of a Court or Prison, except a private house at Daraporam the property of Mr. Hurdis the late Collector, I have to request you will inform me whether it is your wish to hold your Court at Dindigul or that I should refer the circumstance to Government for instructions —

(Signed) M Watts
Acting Collector

Madura 30th June 1803

To the Register to the Court of Circuit
and Appeal for the Southern Division —
Trichinopoly —

Sir,

I have the pleasure of inclosing the necessary certificate, according to the request contained in your letter of the 27th Instant —

Madura 30th June 1803 —

(Signed) M Watts
Acting Coll.

I do hereby certify that the salaries and allowances of the judicial establishment of the Court of Circuit and appeal for the Southern Division have been paid by my Office to the thirty first of May last inclusive & to no further period —

Madura 30th June 1803.

(Signed) M Watts
Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

It has been reported to me today that you have ordered the Cutwall to keep in confinement a Girl belonging to a Sepoy of your Battalion, I have therefore to request you will inform me of the cause of complaint that entitles her to this treatment; and I have further to desire you will when you deem similar requisitions necessary make them to myself as my servants have orders not to obey any but those

these coming directly from myself —

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector —

Madura 30th June 1803 —

To the 2d Judge of the Court of Circuit
and Appeal for the Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have to report to you the death of Chinnamanaysee No. 10 in the Calendar delivered to you when on Circuit for Trial and who was recommitted to Prison by you —

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collr.

Madura 1st July 1803

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen —

I have to report to your Board the death of Marsamanay Heir to the Ramgherry Pollam mentioned in the late Collectors letter it took place on the 22d of last Month —

Until I have ascertained who is now the lawful heir to the Puttum, which the Widow of the late Poligar informed me devolves upon some distant branch of the late Poligars family, I have ordered the Ameen to manage the affairs of the Pollam with strict injunctions to make no disbursements of any nature without previously obtaining my sanction thereto —

So soon as I shall have fully investigated the circumstance I will report the result for the information of your Board —

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

Madura 3d July 1803

To the Acting Collector
at Tinnevelly —

Sir,

The Bearer has preferred a complaint against two Inhabitants of your district for plundering him of all his property, after committing this outrage they fled to Comachynaigue Pollam —

I have therefore to request you will cause an enquiry into the circumstance and obtain the sufferer such redress as justice

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may require —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

Madura 8th. July 1803

To the Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly —

Sir,

Enclosed is a declaration given by the Nuttumcaur of Mautaerum, to which I request your early attention and that you will order the Poligar to deliver to the Nuttumcaur the Amount due by him —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

Madura 9th. July 1803

To the Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George —

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill dated 1st. July 1803 for Star Pagodas Nine Thousand four Hundred (9400) by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Coll.

Madura
8th. July 1803 —

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue —

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting my Indent for Stationary required for the Year 1803/4 and a Return of the quantity now on hand —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 8th. July 1803 —

To the Officer Commanding
Madura —

Sir,

I have to request the favor of a Guard for the protection of the Records that accompany me to Dindigul — I shall proceed from this tomorrow morning and shall be obliged to you to order the Guard to attend at my Cutcherry this evening, when if you consider it necessary, the one at present there can be removed —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Coll.

Tripacolum 11th. July 1803

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The Officer Commanding

Dindigul

Sir,

I have to request you will order Comara Naig Coraven Curpen, Mundaveren and Mootoo Sherogar prisoners on the Rock to be delivered to the Cutwall tomorrow Morning that they may be brought to my Catcherry — I have order'd the Cutwall to attend at 8 O'Clock for the purpose of receiving them —

Dindigul 14th. July 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts Acting Collector

The Officer Commanding

Dindigul

Sir,

I herewith return Mundaveren, Comora Naig & Mootoo Sherogar for further imprisonment on the Rock, and have to request you will order the undermentioned Prisoners now on the Rock to be delivered to the Cutwall tomorrow morning —

Arasapaneken
Veeratavan & his Son Veramen
Nunja Goundan and Naurchwa Pyluy
Velladen
Nunjappa Goundan
Pulter Shengalli
Paramadan
Mootten
Kadaree —

Madura 15th. July 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts Acting Coll.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting Diary of proceedings for the Month of June 1803 —

Dindigul 15th. July 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts Acting Collector

To the Register to the
Sudder Fouzdarry Adawlut

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting to you the Monthly reports required by Sections XXVII, XXVIII, XXIX, & XXX, Regulation VI AD 1802 and to assure you that punctuality shall in future be observed in their transmission —

I am unacquainted with the number of Cases referred by the Court of Circuit to the Fouzdarry Adawlut or is there any record in this Office from which I can give the necessary information, consequently that report is blank —

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 15th July 1803

To the Officer Commanding
of Dindigul

Sir,

I herewith return the undermentioned prisoners for further imprisonment on the Dindigul Rock —

Arasapaneken
Veerdaven & his Son Veramen
Nunja Gounden and Mancheva Pilley
Villaiden
Nunjappa Gounden
Putter Shengalli
Paramadan
Moottea
Kadaree —

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 18th July 1803

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in reporting to you Board that the Revenues of the districts at present under my management for fusly 1212 are fully realized —

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 19th July 1803

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To the Collector

of Patgautcherry

Sir,

I have to request you will order the attendance of Moopen Caulan of Atteemputtey of Colleemgoodo at Dindigul, he is a particular Witness in a case of Murder to be tried before the Court of Circuit of this Division —

The Judge is expected here in the course of a few days, I will therefore be obliged to you to deliver him over with all expedition to my Tasildar at Palanchee who has orders to conduct him to this place —

Dindigul 16th July 1803 (Signed) J. Watts Acting Collector

To the Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of printed Copies of the Translation in the Tamul language of the Regulations as noted in the Margin —

Dindigul 19th July 1803 (Signed) J. Watts Acting Coll.

To the Officer Commanding Dindigul

Judicial Department

Sir,

I have to request you will order Veerapa Naigue A Sepoy No. 77 in the 1st Company of your Corps a prosecutor in a crime of Murder to hold himself in readiness to attend on the Judge of Circuit who is expected here in the course of a few days —

Dindigul 16th July 1803 (Signed) J. Watts Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding Dindigul —

Sir,

I have this moment received your letter of this days date and beg leave to observe that a Verbal Communication of an Acting Fort Adjutant is no Authority for me to act upon, in any case whatever

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The written charge signed by you, but by whom transmitted I am ignorant, states that the Women Cauvery & Paumidy of the 2d. Battn. 13th. Regt. N. I. and apprehended by you as such therefore are not by the G. O. of the 22d. Sept. cognizable by me, consequently cannot be admitted into the Cutwalls Choultry or placed in any respect under his charge he being a Police Officer and under no other control but my own or even had they not been as described by you, followers of the 2d. Bn. 13th Regt. N. I. I have no authority whatever to apprehend any person on a charge of that nature —

(Signed) J. H. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindegul 19th. July 1803

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of transmitting to your Board estimate of Tuccavy required in the Districts at present under my management for Fusly 1212. for your approbation and Sanction —

Your Board will be pleased to observe that the assistance now required is much less than what has been applied for in former Years and that it is chiefly by the inhabitants of the conquered Countries to enable them to purchase cattle there, last years stock having been mostly carried off by the distemper that rages annually with great violence amongst the cattle in those Districts —

The Season for commencing cultivation being far advanced I take the liberty of requesting an early answer, and the details which are preparing shall if required by your Board be forwarded with all expedition —

(Signed) J. H. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindegul 20th. July 1803

To the Assistant Commercial Resident
of Nagore at Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th. Instant &

beg leave to refer you to the Commercial Resident to whom I have written on the subject of your letter.

(Signed) J. A. Watts.
Acting Collector

Dindigul
21st July 1803

To the Commercial Resident
of Nagore —

Sir,

1st. I have been favored with your letter of the 12th Instant on the subject of extending the Company's investment to the districts under my charge, and altogether concur with you in the opinion of the great benefit which will result from it both to the Country & the Company —

2d. It may be necessary however to acquaint you that all the conquered Countries lately of this Collection, extending from Coimbatore to the North of Dindigul are considered within the range of the Resident of Salem from whom advances have been made from time to time to the Weavers of that Quarter, and that with respect to the District of Dindigul it borders from the Madura Country where the Resident of Ramnad is established — and probably the Board of Trade adverting to the remote situation of Nagore and that Ramnad Madura & Dindigul form one Collection, might consider Dindigul as, with more propriety, appertaining to the Division of Ramnad. Trichinopoly and Tanjore being open to the Residency of Nagore —

3d. From whatever Residency it may be permitted that the Company's funds should be invested in the Dindigul District, I beg you to be assured, that I should feel gratified to afford every assistance and support, that I could with propriety, not only as it might contribute to enlarge the Company's Investment, but because I am convinced that the extension & encouragement of the Manufactures of these districts in general must add stability to the Revenue & greatly improve the condition of the people —

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4th. The Cotton of the Dindigul & conquered Countries is not of a quality remarkable for fineness or is it produced in any considerable Quantity; It is however well calculated for the Coarser manufactures & would be increased of course in its production if the demand became more extensive —

5th. Exportation of Salampores of the Coarser Kind has been carried on from the conquered Countries to some Amount by individuals to the Ports about Magore and from Dindigul to the Ports near Ramnad and should the Companys funds whenever introduced here not fully embrace the resources and means of the Country, It would seem essential to its interests at large and to that of the Manufactures in particular that no impediments should be opposed to the production and exportation of such Goods as the Companys funds would not command, and that the Weaver should be permitted to apply his industry and means as might be most to his own advantage —

(Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 21st July 1803

To the Commercial Resident
of Ramnad —

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 272 Mysore Pand. or Star Pag. 6. 2 f. The Amount of the Batta Bill transmitted to you under date 19th June 1803 —

(Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 24th July 1803

To the Commercial Resident
at Salem —

Sir,

Enclosed is copy of a Declaration given by three Weavers of Cadambuddy in the Paladan Talook against some of your Servants —

I have to request you will cause the Muchelka they forcibly took from these Weavers to be returned to them, and that you will give such Orders to your Servants, as that will prevent a repetition of such unjust conduct —

(Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 31st July 1803

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To the Acting Collector
at Tinnevelly

Sir,

I enclose you copy of an Arzee from Galuppa Naig late Polligar of Nellacotta and have to request you will cause the Polligar of Yellamoody to deliver up the Girl to him —

Dindegul 31st July 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Subtreasurer of Fort St. George —

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill No. 20 dated 1st August 1803 for Star Pagodas (4000) Four thousand by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue —

Dindegul 4th August 1803 — (Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding
Madura —

Sir,

The Batta Bill for Sepoys escorting my Cutchery to Dindegul not being drawn out according to form, I herewith return it accompany'd by a regular form, which I will thank you to fill up & transmit to me, and the Amount shall be forwarded without delay —

Dindegul 4th August 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Register to the Court of Circuit
& Appeal in the Southern Division
Trichinopoly —

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 26th July 1803 I have to inform you that there are no state Prisoners under my charge —

Dindegul 5th August 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Collector

at Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have received frequent complaints from the Surveyors in the Manapar Pollams and the respective Colligars against the Inhabitants of your Districts for interrupting the survey of the Pollams, copies of two Arzees just received are inclosed to which I request your early attention —

To obviate the delay that must necessarily attend a reference of disputes, I ordered the surveyors to survey all land and to enter that disputed in seperate Accounts giving a Copy to both Village Conicopolies that their Claims might hereafter be decided by the Courts of Justice — notwithstanding this the Inhabitants of your district continue to obstruct the survey, I have therefore to request you will issue such orders as may appear to you necessary for the due completion of the survey, which is now at a stand —

I have to request you will when convenient remit to me the accustomed Neer Cooly due by the inhabitants of the village of Kauttair

(Signed) J. Watts

Dindigul
5th August 1803

Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding

Dindigul —

Sir,

I beg leave to send the undermentioned Prisoners under Condemnation for security on the Rock —

Secunder Subba
Caumache Ausharey
Sawmy Naiden
and
Valen — Chuckler —

Dindigul 5th August 1803

(Signed) J. Watts

Acting Collector

To Mr. Johnson

Conductor of Ordnance —

Sir,

The Judge of Circuit having no further occasion for your House I have to request you will transmit to me the

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Bill for the Rent without delay —

Dindigul 5th Aug 1803 (Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Collector —

To the Officer Commanding —
Madura —

Sir,

I have the pleasure of sending you the money for the enclosed Bill, on which I will thank you to sign a receipt for the Amount and in what Coins received, and return the same to me —

Dindigul 6th August 1803 (Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Collector

To Mr. Johnson
Conductor of Ordnance —

Sir,

I have the pleasure of sending you forty Star Pagodas the Amount of House Rent and other expences incurred for the Accomodation of the Judge of Circuit and will thank you to sign a receipt on the Bills now transmitted & return them to me — (Signed) J. A. Watts

Dindigul 10th Aug 1803 — Acting Collector

To the Military Paymaster
at Palamcotta —

Sir,

I have received your letter dated 7th instant and have to inform you that the bill in question is not to be found in this Office —

Dindigul 12th August 1803 (Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Secretary to Government
in the Judicial Department —

Sir,

On being apprized by the Judge on Circuit of his expected arrival at Dindigul and there being no public or private buildings except one the property of Mr. Conductor Johnson's at this place adequate to the purpose of a Court house, and time not admitting of the circumstance being referred to Government, I took the liberty of renting that during the Judges stay at the rate of 20 Pags. pr. Month of Rented last

sessions; which I hope will meet with Approbation —

I have now the honor of transmitting copies of charges in=curred on this Account, Amounting to 40 St Pags with copy of the Judges Certificate annexed for which I request you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council in order that their charges may not be rejected on Audit —

Dindigul
13th August 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector,

To the Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly —

Sir,

The Bearer has preferred a complaint against an in=habitant of Shevatapatoor in your District, I have therefore to request you will in justice done him — (Signed) J. M. Watts
Dindigul 14th August 1803 — Acting Collector

To the Collector
of Trichinopoly —

Sir,

Enclosed are duplicate receipts for the Kullen Meer Cooly —

I have to request you will order the attendance of the undermentioned Inhabitants of your district at my Cutcherry at Dindigul to substantiate the Claims of the Chitty who was plundered by some Inhabitants belonging to Cadavoor in this District and was sent by you to this place to prefer his complaint —

Pondaveroy Moodely } of Saingul
Eramma Reddy }
Pulla Poonen } of Veerapotteam } of Kitty Cutt Talook
do Mottyen }

Dindigul 14th August 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Coll^r

To the Register to the Sudder Foujdarry Adawlut

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting to you the Monthly reports required by sections XXVII, XXVIII, XXIX, XXX, Regulation VI A.D. 1802 —

Dindigul 15th Augt 1803 (Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Collector

of Polgauttherry —

Sir,

It has been stated to me by the Tasildar of Palanchee that the undermentioned Mattanacaurs with several Inhabitants belonging to that Talook and under engagements to the Sirkar have emigrated to Colangaud within your limits and that he in consequence dispatched peons to that place to cause their return, but they were detained by the inhabitants of that village. I have therefore to request you will issue an Order to your servants to deliver the people to the Peons that accompany this letter, and any that may hereafter emigrate under similar engagements be sent back to their respective Village on a requisition to that effect from the Tasildars —

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Iyana may
Nobalanay } of Alanamalay —

(Signed) W. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindegul 15th August 1803

To the President & Members of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen —

I have the honor of transmitting a Genealogical Table of the Cam-ghery family by which your Board will be pleased to observe that Mootteppa Naigue Son of Vuttana Naigue a Boy of Nine Years of Age is the lawful heir to the Pollam as stated to me by the Widows of the deceased Polligars and corroborated by every evidence I have taken on the Subject —

From a jealousy which has long prevailed betwixt the family of the Seem Naigue and that of Vutchurra Lomby and which induced the latter on his succession to the Pollam in September 1800 to place the whole family restraint in which situation they continued until the death of Narsama Naigue in June last, I conceived it my duty to refuse compliance with the request of the Widows of these Polligars to have the Boy placed under their immediate superintendance as well from motives of humanity as to ensure every attention to his education which has till

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now been entirely neglected and which most probably would still continue to be; the case if subject to the control of these Women, I have therefore placed him under the care of the present Ummeen to the great satisfaction of his family, a man well qualified for the situation he holds and who will I am confident pay every attention to the education of the Boy and to the Prosperity of the Pollam –

In the hope that what I have done may meet with the approbation of your Board – (Signed) J. H. Watts

Acting Collector

Collapolliem 15th August 1803

To the President & Members

of the Board of Revenue –

Gentlemen –

I have now the honor of transmitting the proposed Moyen-Zabitah for the Collection of the Sayer under my own immediate management

In laying this before your Board, I beg leave to refer you to the accompanying Statement, which will shew that the Moyen-Zabitah now proposed is but 11. 1/2 P Cent on the Gross collections of last Year as taken from the Accounts of the Renters, making an ultimate decrease of 27. P Cent on the Moyen Zabitah of the Renters or P. f. C. 2053. 25. 38 and which I hope will meet with approbation & Sanction –

This Moyen Zabitah should have been forwarded earlier had not most of the English writers of this Office been employed by the Judge on Circuit – (Signed) J. H. Watts

Acting Collector

Dindigul 19th August 1803

To the Accountant General

& Civil Auditor –

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose general abstract statement, shewing the Amount of Revenue due, Gross collections, Charges & Net Revenue in the districts at present under my management for Fusly 1212 or from 1st August 1802 to 11th July 1803 with the Balance of Revenue remaining due on the latter date, also a statement comparative of the reduction in the Actual Moyenzabitah charges of these districts in Fusly 1212 on a Comparison with Fusly 1211 which I hope will prove correct

Dindigul 22d August 1803 – (Signed) J. H. Watts

Acting Collector

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have been favored with your letters of the 8th & 25th Inst. I approve of the Mode you propose deciding the Boundary disputes between the Pollams of Cummanaudy, Tolmally, and Maungauperry and the Villages of your district and shall immediately order a certain number of disinterested people Nuttumcaurs of the adjacent villages to assemble at the grounds in dispute, and the respective Pollegars to attend with their Evidences &c. —

The inclosed is copy of an Arzee from the Pollegar of Maungauperry in answer to a Callned Addressed to him on the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant what he has therein stated has been corroborated by several respectable Witnesses and the Accounts of that Land are now in his possession and which I have ordered to be dispatched to me for examination — It is however I should imagine of little consequence whether that Land is entered in the Accounts of that Pollam as Davestanum or under that head in the Accounts of your Division, but as this land was a gift of his ancestor to the Payman in any Covil, I conceive it ought to be entered in the accounts of that Pollam as such —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 30th Augt 1803

To the Register, Sudder Foujdarry Adawlut

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 23rd Ultmo and now return the Reports having entered the names of those Prisoners, committed to Prison by the Court of Circuit and for whose Punishment no warrants have yet been issued, from which circumstance I suppose these causes have been referred to the Foujdarry Adawlut but I have therefore entered their names from supposition only, there being no Record in this Office from which I can give the necessary information, the date of trial & reference is consequently blank —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 3d September 1803

To the Collector
of Trichinopoly —

Sir,

It has been stated to me by the Polligar of Cadavoor that the people who plundered the bearer were traced by the Nattumecaurs of his village to Keelador in your limits and which assertion has not been refuted by the evidence of the complainant who merely say "that they heard some person or other mention that it was noted".

I therefore return him to you and should his claim hereafter be substantiated to your satisfaction I shall be happy to see justice done to the sufferer, but as circumstances stand at present to make the Polligar make good the loss I should conceive to be an act of the greatest injustice —

(Signed) I.M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul
3d September 1803

To the Magistrate
of Salem —

Sir,

On the receipt of your letter of the 14th Ult. I dispatched an orderly Tafseldar at Caroor to send with all expedition the two persons I have mentioned to you, but his search for them has hitherto been ineffectual, should they be hereafter found I shall lose no time in forwarding them to you —

(Signed) I.M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 3d Sept. 1803

To the Collector
of Trichinopoly —

Sir,

The bearer of this letter named Maradeen has represented to me that a person at Trichinopoly named Cauder Rowoothan upon recognizing two Bullocks in his possession and which had been stolen from him Cauder Rowoothen some time ago preferred his complaint to you that you in consequence took from the former a Muchelka as he mentioned he had purchased them from another Person binding him over to make good the loss unless he should produce the person who had committed the crime —

I have therefore to inform you that the thief has been

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Delivered over to me and has acknowledged his guilt and as he is a very man of notorious character & has been punished twice or three times before for similar offences, I have thought proper to commit him to Prison to take his trial before the Court of Circuit next sessions —

Dindigul 4th. Sept. 1803 (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Sub treasurer

Fort St. George —

Sir

Enclosed I send you a Bill No. 43 dated 1st. Sept. 1803 for Star Pagodas four thousand seven Hundred (4700) by the Madura Paymr. on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue —

Dindigul 4th Sept. 1803 — (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding —

Dindigul —

Sir,

I have this moment received your Note informing me of the death of one of the Prisoners on the Rock and have to express my regret that his ind isposition was not communicated to me, that the necessary medical assistance might have been afforded him according to the Instruction received from Government —

Dindigul 10th. September 1803 (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

I have ordered the Cutwall to do the needful —

To the Secretary to Government
in the Judicial Department —

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of printed Copy of the translations in the Tamul language of Regulations XVI, XXI, XXXV, 1802 —

Dindigul 10th. September 1803 (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Register
to the Sudder Foujdarry Adawlut

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you the report required by Regulation VI Section XXX, A. D. 1802 —

Dindigul 11th. September 1803 (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

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To the Secretary to Government

in the Judicial Department —

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of printed Copy of Regulations in the Persian Language —

Dindigul 15th September 1803 (Signed) J. A. Watts

Acting Collector —

To the Collector & Magistrate

at Trichinopoly

Sir,

According to the request contained in your letter of the 13th Instant I have this day despatched the Prisoner named Cumady Sorbeen under the charge of two Peons to take his trial before the Court of Circuit —

The inclosed are declarations of the Complainant & Prisoner and the Muchilka of the Compt. binding himself over to appear and prosecute the prisoner before the Court of Circuit next session — The Witnesses mentioned at the Bottom of the declaration shall be sent to you with all expedition if their presence is deem'd necessary at Trichinopoly —

I think it necessary to mention that the Prisoner is an Old offender and has been punished twice before for similar offences, which induced me to commit him to take his trial before the Court of Circuit —

Dindigul 19th Septr. 1803 (Signed) J. A. Watts

Acting Collector

To the President & Members

of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen,

Para 1. I have had the honor to receive Mr. Deputy Secy. Magles letter of the 3d. of August, transmitting draft of a Regulation for the Manufacture & sale of Arrack the Sale of foreign Spirits and of Toddy —

2d. Previous to the receipt of that letter I had rented the Arrack farms in the Districts of Dindigul and Madura and the Southern Division of Coimbatore for the present Fusly, the accompanying statement will shew your Board the number of farms into which these Districts are at present divided with the Amt. of

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formed on a Comparison with Fusly 1212 the exact number of Shops opened in the respective Towns the names of the individual renters and the security given for the due performance of their engagements & No. 2 exhibits the terms on which the renter receives his licence —

3 My object in bringing this before your Board is to shew the mode which has hitherto been observed in the manufacture and sale of Arrack in these Districts and which your Board will be pleased to observe has been conducted on principles nearly similar to those laid down in the Regulations received, the general adoption of which will I am of opinion prove highly beneficial —

4th The retail price has hitherto been 60 Madras Cash p^r. Dram or 30 Mysore F^s. p^r. Gallon of 136 Drams at which rate I would with deference to your Board recommend it should be continued to be sold, as also the number of Farms now established —

5th The quantity of Toddy produced in these districts is so trifling that no licence has ever been granted for its disposal, except in the Fort of Madura the Amount of which has always been carried to the Account of Military Bazar —

6th All trees that produce this Article are taxed according to their Age and quantity each tree is supposed to yield, in reference to locality with regard to soil and Water and but little of the Toddy is sold until converted into Jaggery an Article of great Traffick in these districts great quantities of which is annually imported from Tinnevelly Travancore and Polyhautchery

7th Most of the Polligars of this Country have hitherto been suffered to enjoy the Revenue arising from the Sale of Arrack in their respective Pollams highly prejudicial to the Morals and health of their Inhabitants, as it is generally rented, but under no restrictions or limitations whatever, consequently every unwholesome ingredient is used in the manufacture of it, and articles of every description received in payment — Gain being the only object both of the Polligar & Renter —

8th I therefore beg leave to suggest to your Board the propriety of assuming this branch of Revenue in every Pollam, or should your Board not approve of this suggestion that the management of

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it should be invested in the Collector, it could then be rented agreeable to the present regulations and the amount collected on this account re-mitted at the close of every fusly to the respective Claimants, or otherwise disposed of as your Board may think proper, but unless it is placed in some degree under the control of the Collector, I am convinced the present improprieties will never be corrected —

9th I have the honor to transmit a plan and an account
No 3 & of Expences incurred in constructing a Cutcherry at Dindigul authorized
[...]sure under date 2d January last for approbation —

10th When the building was commenced the present arrangements with regard to the Collectorship were not known, otherwise Madura would most probably have been the place fixed upon for its construction it being the most centrical part of the division, consequently the most likely to become the place of residence of the Collector — Its dimensions are Eighty four feet square, very open & airy and capable of accommodating a very considerable number of people and would I imagine make a very excellent prison in the event of a Court of Justice being established in this District —

[...]e No 4 11th I have also the honor of transmitting a statement shewing the amount collected on Account of Military Bazars in the Districts of Dindigul and Madura in last fusly with the Charges thereon, according to Mr Deputy Secretary Wayte's letter of the 1st December 1802 —

12 The Documents relative to the Customs called for by your Board are preparing and shall be forwarded in the course of a few days —

(Signed) J. A. Watts

Acting Collector

Dindigul 15th Septr 1803

To the Register to the Sudder Foujdarry Adawlut

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting to you the Monthly Reports required by Sections XXVII, XXVIII, XXIX, XXX, Regulations VI, A.D. 1802 —

(Signed) J. A. Watts

Acting Collector

Dindigul

19th September 1803

To the Collector & Magistrate 81

of Trichinopoly

Sir,

The Bearer is in charge of the Prisoner named Munnady Sookun the person mentioned in my letter of this days date—

Dindigul 19th Septr. 1803 (Signed) J. Watts

Acting Collector & Magistrate

To the Secretary to Government

in the Judicial Department—

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of printed Copy of the translations in Regulation 1802, II, III, IV, & V the Persian language of the Regulations as noted as noted in the Margin—

Dindigul 22d Septr. 1803 (Signed) J. Watts

Acting Collector

To the Secretary to Government

in the Judicial Department—

Regn. 1802 X

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of printed Copy of the Translation in the Tamul language of the Regulation noted in the Margin—

Dindigul 23d Septr. 1803 (Signed) J. Watts

Acting Collr.

To the Officer Commanding

Dindigul—

Sir,

The Havildar has delivered the Prisoner over to the Jailor of Dindigul—

Dindigul 25th Septr. 1804 (Signed) J. Watts

Magistrate

To the Officer Commanding

Madura—

Sir,

In answer to Mr. Acting Fort Adjutant Townsend's letter of the 23d Instant I have to inform you that I have in consequence given orders to my Tahsildar to acquaint you whenever it is judged necessary to pass Arms into or out of the Fort that the Sentries may receive orders not to stop them at the Gate—

Arms are collected almost daily from different parts

of the Tabeek of which I know nothing until their arrival at the Tasildars Cutcherry is reported to me, which renders it impossible for me to furnish the Passport you require, unless the Arms are Delayed at the Gate until a reference is made to me at probably 70 or 80 Miles distance how far such a circumstance would be an impediment to the Duties of my Office will I presume be sufficiently evident to you to render any comment from me on the Subject unnecessary —

(Signed) J. H. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 29th September
1804

To the Commercial Resident
at Salem —

Sir,

Your letter of the 27th Instant with the Bill for 10,000 Star Pags. I have just received —

The money is ready for you and shall be delivered to your Shroff on his arrival here, I shall apply to the Commanding Officer for the necessary escort —

(Signed) J. H. Watts
Acting Collector —

Dindigul 1st October 1803

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

The Commercial Resident at Salem having applied for Cash from the treasury of this Collection, I have to inform you that 10,000 Star Pagodas will be ready for him on the arrival of his Shroff —

2d. I have to request of you such guard for its safe transport from hence to the Salem Factory as you may judge proper. The Treasure must from necessity be packed on Bullocks, I will inform you of the day it may be necessary for the party to leave this so soon as the Residents Servant arrives, and will at the same time furnish the Route —

(Signed) J. H. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 1st October 1803

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir

The money declined for Salem, being all ready, I have to request you will forward as soon as possible to my Cutchery the guard applied for on the 1st. Instant —

Dindigul 6th. October 1803
(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Commercial Resident
at Salem

Sir,

The Cash required by your letter of the 27th. Ulto. has this day been despatched under the charge of a Guard, Invoice of which I have the pleasure to enclose, to which I will thank you to add your receipt as well as to the Duplicate transmitted by the Guard. Returning both to me as Vouchers to my Accounts —

Dindigul 6th. October 1803 (Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

Invoice of Cash dispatched from the Dindigul Collector, Treasury for Mr. Chs. Carpenter Commercial Resid.t at Salem under charge of Shaik Ibraim Havildar of 2d. Gren. Company, commanding a Guard of One Naigue 12 Sepoys of the 2d. Battn. 6th. Regiment Native Infantry —

Gunny Bag No. 1 containing Bags of P.N. Pag.s from No. 1 to 6 inclusive containing P.N. Pagodas — — —	6000 — " "	} of Butler, dewar, Ganapetty
Do. Do. No. 2 do. from No. 7 to 12 Do. P.N. P.	6000 " "	
	12,000 " "	

Twelve Thousand P.N. Pagodas at 120 per Cent Star is
Star Pagodas Ten Thousand — (10,000)

Errors Excepted

Dindigul 6th. October 1803
(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Coll.r

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

I have to request you will order the Prisoner on the Rich[illegible]
named

named Shangley to be delivered over to the charge of the Bearer —

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul
9th. October 1803

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

Having received Orders to send the sum of Thirty five Thousand Star Pagodas to the Commercial Resident at Salem for the use of that Factory I have to request you will furnish such a Guard as you may think sufficient to secure its safety to that Station —

When the money is all ready you shall hear from me —

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 10th. October 1803

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I enclose for your information Copy of an Arzee received from the Tahsildar of Perincottum and a Declaration given by a Mutteemaur of Coopputnuttum in the Arnicoor Talook & have to request you will order the two Women to be delivered to their Husbands who demand them —

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Coll.

Dindigul 10th. October 1803

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

I have to request you will order the undermentioned Prisoners in confinement on the Rock to be delivered to the bearer —

Malya Bommen
Sevashee
Peria Cuppen

Dindigul
10th. October
1803

(Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Coll.

To the Officer Commanding
the Southern Division of the Army
Trichinopoly

Sir,

Being ordered by Government to remit to the Com.

Resident of Salem the sum of thirty five thousand Star Pagodas (35,000
for the use of that factory, I applied to the Officer Commanding this
Garrison for the necessary escort, and have the honor to enclose a
copy of his reply, wherein you will observe he states his inability to
comply with my request from the present weak state of the Garrison —

I have therefore to request you will order such Guard
as you may deem sufficient to secure its safety to that Station to
be furnished from such other Garrison as may be able to afford it
or should it be out of your power to give me the necessary assistance
that you will inform me of the same that Govt. may be acquainted
with the cause of delay —

The money being ready for transmission I
am anxious for your answer —

Dindigul 11th October 1803 (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collr.

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

Be so good as to order a Guard to attend at the Cutwalle
Choultry tomorrow morning at 8 O'Clock for the purpose of escorting
three Prisoners under condemnation to the place of Execution —

(Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

I have to request you will order the undermentioned
prisoners in confinement on the Rock to be delivered to the Bearer —
Nauchippa Chinnan, Mootoo Comauren & Veerabuddapa
Dindigul 13th October 1803 (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collr.

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

I have to request you will order the undermentioned
Prisoners in confinement on the Rock to be delivered to the Bearer —
Veratavun
Picha Tavun —

Dindigul 14th October 1803 (Signed) J. Watts
Acting Collr.
& Magistrate

To The Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

Be so good as to order a Guard to attend at the Cutwall Choultry tomorrow Morning at 6 O'Clock for the purpose of escorting two prisoners under condemnation to the place of Execution —

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Magistrate

Dindigul 14th October
1803

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George —

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting Diary of Proceedings for the Month of September 1803 —

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 15th October
1803

To the Deputy Secretary to the Board of Revenue —

Sir,

I have this Moment received your letter of the 3d Instant accompanying printed copies of Regulations VII, IX, XXI, XXII 1803 passed by the Governor in Council —

I beg you will inform the Board that the Tariff of Merchandize and the other documents relative to the Customs required by your letter of the 3d August last are nearly completed & shall be forwarded in the course of the ensuing week —

Colapallam
15th October 1803

(Signed) J. M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Commercial Resident
at Salem —

Sir,

On the receipt of your letter covering a Bill drawn on this Treasury for thirty five Thousand Star Pagodas, I applied to the Officer Commanding this Station for the necessary escort, he in reply stated his inability to comply with his requisition

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from the present weak state of the Garrison, in consequence of which I lost no time in applying to the Officer Commanding the Division & have this moment received his answer wherein informs me he has ordered a sufficient Guard to be sent immediately from Madura —

The money is all ready & shall be delivered over to your Shroff the moment he arrives —

Colapollam 15th. October 1803 (Signed) J. W. Watts
Acting Coll.

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill dated 12th. October 1803 for Star Pagodas two Thousand five Hundred (2,500 „ — by Mr. George Hughes on Messrs. Harrington Burnaby & Cockburn in favor Revenue, at 15 days sight —

Colapollam 15th. October 1803 (Signed) J. W. Watts
Acting Collect.

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

Be pleased to order the undermentioned Prisoners in confinement on the Rock to be delivered to the Bearer, and an escort to attend at the Cutwatte Chuttry to Morrow morning at 8 O'Clock to attend them at the place of Execution —

Chuckey Coopaun
Perromaul Goundan
Coppa Chetty
Shote Cuppen
Rocker —

Vatia Cauden
Caculamaucher Mootoo
Cuppatawen —
Coppen
Cutteen Moniagar —

Dindigul 16th October 1803 (Signed) J. W. Watts
Acting Coll.

To The Commercial Resident
at Salem —

Sir,

The Cash required by your letter of the 6th. Instant has this day been dispatched under the charge of a Guard, Invoice of which I have the pleasure to enclose to which I will thank You to add your receipt as well as to the Duplicate transmitted by the Guard

Guard returning both to me as Vouchers to my Accounts —

Dindigul 18th (Signed) J. Watts
October 1803 Acting Coll.r

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue —
Fort S.t George

Sir,

The Bearer of this letter has delivered to me, Stationary according to the enclosed Invoice for the use of this Office —

Dindigul (Signed) J. Watts
20th October 1803 Acting Coll.r

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue —

Gentlemen —

I have this day delivered over the Conquered Countries South of the Noyel to the charge of Mr. Grame according to instructions received from Mr. Secretary Ellis dated 30th May 1803. and have the honor to enclose duplicate of receipts granted by him for the Cash & Stationary —

After delivering over the districts of Dindigul & Madura to the charge of the Collector in Zillah Ramnad I have to request your Board will inform me to whom I am to consider myself attached — (Signed) J. Watts

Dindigul 20th Oct.r 1803 Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

I have to request the favor of a Guard to escort treasure amounting to Six Thousand Star Pagodas to Daraporam — The Batta for the men will be paid by Mr. Grame, in whose name I will thank you to have the Bill made out in —

Dindigul (Signed) J. Watts
23d Oct.r 1803 Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul -

Sir,

Be pleased to order the undermentioned prisoners in confinement on the Rock to be delivered to the bearer, and an escort to attend at the Cutwatts Choultry, tomorrow morning at 8 O.Clock to attend there at the place of execution -

Cheekely Caten
Caumanadde
Parcanen -

Dindigul
25th October 1803 - (Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Senior Judge & Judges
of the Court of Circuit & Appeal
Southern Division Trichy

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to return the Warrants issued in the course of the Month for the punishment of Prisoners in this Zillah - These Sentences of the Sudder Foujdary Adawlut were published throughout the whole of this extensive charge, and I took particular care that the execution of the criminals should be done in the most awful & solemn manner possible -

The place of execution was attended by an immense concourse of people assembled from Villages for some miles round who were at the conclusion of the awful scene universal in their expressions of the necessity & justness of the Sentences the effects of which they had then witnessed and hoped that such examples would determine others from similar practices and that consequently they would in future be permitted to enjoy their lives & property in safety and comfort, after the criminals were executed, their bodies ~~were~~ ~~burnt~~ were buried under the Gallows, which I hope was correct -

Dindigul 27th October 1803 (Signed) J.M. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Magistrate of Trichinopoly -

Sir, The Prisoner named Cumaden Sooben despatched

to you under date 19th Ulto to take his trial before the Judge on Circuit at your Zillah, having been recognized by my Peons at this place was immediately apprehended & brought before me when he confessed that the Sentry you had placed over him fell asleep and that he in consequence effected his escape to this place, I have sent him under the charge of two Peons to you —

Dindigul 31st October 1803

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul —

Sir,

I have to request you will order the undermentioned Prisoner in Confinement on the Rock to be delivered to the Bearer

Alexander —

Dindigul 1st November 1803

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding
the Southern Division of the Army
Trichinopoly —

Sir,

I have received instructions to forward to the Presidency the balance of Cash in my Treasury and as this Garrison is too weak to admit of a sufficient force being detached for its protection I have to request you will order the necessary escort to be furnished from such other Garrison as you may think proper —

Twenty two Thousand Star Pagodas is ready for transmission from this station which must from necessity be despatched on Bullocks unless you can assist me with Tumbrells and as the greater part of this sum is in Silver it cannot take less than 40 or 45 to Transport it —

The party after receiving charge of this treasure will be Directed to proceed to the Collector of Trichinopoly according to my Instructions to receive charge of such sum as he may have ready for transmission the amount of which he will I presume give you timely information that the party may be reinforced or otherwise as Circumstances may require —

Dindigul 2d November 1803

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Collector of
Trichinopoly —

Sir,

I have been favored with your letter of the Instant —

The money from this Treasury is all ready for transmission & shall be delivered to the Guard the moment it arrives for which I have written to the Officer Commanding the 4th Division of the Army, after it has received charge of my remittances it shall be directed to proceed to you to take charge of yours, the Amount of which I presume you will give timely information to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division that the party may be reinforced or otherwise as circumstances may require —

I shall let you know the day the escort leaves this place —

Dindigul 2d Novr. 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Commercial Resident at Salem —

Sir,

I enclose you the Batta Bill duly signed by the Officer Commanding Dindigul, the other shall be sent when received from the Officer Commanding Madura —

I have to request you will forward to me the duplicate Bill drawn by the Secretary of the Government for the 35,000 Star Pag

Dindigul 3d November 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector —

To the Officer Commanding Madura —

Sir, Enclosed is a Batta bill for the Sepoys that which in charge of the Treasure to Salem to which I will thank you to put your Receipt, and return it to me by Tappall —

Dindigul 3d November 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Commercial Resident of Salem —

Sir,

I have been favored with your letter of the 30th Ulto enclosing bills drawn on my Treasury for 45,000 Star Pagodas —

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I will make arrangements with the Collector of the Southern Division of Coimbatore for answering this demand which has been calculated on my Treasury before that charge devolved upon Mr Greame and the money shall be ready for your Shroff the moment he arrives — The necessary escort shall be applied for —

Dindigul 5th November 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector —

To the Commercial Resident
of Ramnad —

Sir,

I have been favored with your letter of the 2d Instant covering a bill drawn on my Treasury for the sum of Two Thousand Star Pagodas by Government —

This remittance shall be made in Cally fanams and Porto Nova Pagodas and I have to request you will send your Shroff with all expedition to receive charge of it, as I have not a Single Shroff or Peon that I can spare from this station —

Dindigul 5th Novr 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Commercial Resident
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant enclosing bills drawn on my Treasury for 33655-14-7 Star Pags by Government in your favor —

The money is all ready and shall be delivered to your Shroff the moment he arrives and the necessary escort provided —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Dindigul 5th November 1803 — Acting Collector

To the Sub Treasurer
Fort St George —

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill No 65 dated 1st Novr 1803 for Star Pagodas Five thousand Two Hundred (5200) by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymr Genl in favor of Revenue — (Signed) J. N. Watts
Dindigul 6th Novr 1803 Actg Collr

To the Officer Commanding
the Southern Division of the Army
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have received orders to remit to the Commercial Resident of Salem the sum of Star Pagodas 45,000 for the use of that factory and as all is in readiness, I have to request you will have the goodness to order the necessary escort —

Dindigul 7th November 1813 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Coll.

Captain A. Smith
The Officer of the 2d Battn. 13th Regt. N. I.
Commanding the escort for Treasure to Madras —

Sir,

According to the accompanying Invoices you have treasure Packed Sealed in Three Hundred Fifty three Bags, repacked in Eighty Six Gunny Bags sealed & laden in forty three Bags, carried by forty three Bullocks driven by forty three drivers & two Maistries —

In assistance to the Transport you have extra Drivers Six & extra Bullocks Six —

With the whole of the Treasure & carriage delivered to you by Muster, as noted in the Invoice you will proceed to Fort St. George and deliver the Sealed Bags containing the Treasure to the Sub Treasurer (Mr. William Jones) taking his receipt for the number of sealed Bags of Treasure on the Duplicate Invoices reporting in the first Instance your arrival to the chief Secretary to the Government —

Having made the delivery you will require the Sub Treasurer's receipt on the Duplicate & Triplicate Invoices one Set of which you will forward by the Tappal to me, retaining the other until your Return to Trichinopoly when you will forward it to this Cutcherry —

One of the Cutcherry Shroffs Ventetram Chetty & two Peons in Assistance to him will accompany the escort, you will receive them in charge also, and deliver up the said Shroff with

with the Treasure, the Bullocks which carried the Treasure & the spare bullocks you will return on delivery –

The Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army will furnish you with instructions as to the steps to be taken for the security of the charge, but it is my duty to enjoin the strictest vigilance and attention in order to its safe delivery at Fort St. George at the Sub treasurers Office –

In addition to this charge you are to receive a sum of money from the Collector of Trichinopoly – you will accordingly proceed thither by the direct route and report your arrival at Trichinopoly to him for the receipt of which he may have to send – Mr. Wallace will in respect to his Invoice instruct you particularly –

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector –

Dindigul 8th November 1803 –

To the Collector of Trichinopoly –

I have this day dispatched the treasure destined for the Presidency and desired Captain Smith the Officer Commanding the escort to proceed by the direct route to Trichinopoly and to report his arrival to you for the charge you may have to give him –

Dindigul 9th Novr. 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

To the Sub treasurer
Fort St. George –

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit Duplicate Invoices of Treasure dispatched from the Treasury of this Collection and that of the Southern Division of Coimbatore consigned to you which having received, I will thank you for your receipt on the Invoices for the department of Audit –

Dindigul 10th Novr. 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collr.

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To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department

Sir, Fort St. George

In conformity to order I have the honor of forwarding register of Passports received by me during the Months of September & October have been issued, two passports accompany.

Dindigul 10th Novr (Signed) J. N. Watts
1803 Acting Collector

To the Accountant General & Civil Auditor

Sir, Fort St. George

Enclosed I send Abstract Invoice of Treasure dispatched from this Collection to the Presidency consigned to Mr Wm Jones Sub Treasurer in conformity to order.

Dindigul (Signed) J. N. Watts
10th November 1803 Acting Collector

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

The enclosed is a Duplicate Receipt for the money in the Treasurer of the respective Tahsildars of the conquered Countries &ca of the Royil on the 20th of last Month the day on which that Division was delivered over to his charge; and which by mistake was not forwarded in my letter of that days date.

Dindigul 11th Nov. (Signed) J. N. Watts
1803 Acting Collector

To the Commercial Resident
at Salem

Sir,

The Cash required by your letter of the 30th Ulto has this day been dispatched from my Treasury and that of the Collr of the Southern Division of Coimbatore Invoices of which I have the pleasure to enclose & request you will add your receipts to them as well as to the Duplicates transmitted by the Subedar of the Guard & returning both to me by Tappall. (Signed) J. N. Watts

Dindigul 15th Novr 1803 Acting Collector

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

The enclosed is copy of an Argee addressed to me by the Poligar of Maurangaupurry —

The Hamlet therein mentioned named Moosa-lumputty was never considered in dispute or ever claimed by the Inhabitants of Armagaunnam of your District until now —

This Hamlet was built by the Ancestory of the present Poligar fifty years ago & is dependant on a Village named Puttoor within that Pollam & the land on which it is situated was cultivated by the Inhabitants of this Village long ere this Hamlet was in existance and from which period the accounts have been produced as well as other substantial evidence —

I have therefore to request you will inform me by what authority the assumption complained of has been made if by your orders that you will state the grounds to me on which they were issued that no time may be lost in submitting the circumstance to the Board of Revenue —

Supposing the Assumption to have been made by your order I presume those orders did not extend to the destruction of the Crop then on the Ground or to the punishment of the Nuttumcaurs for preferring his complaint to me, which has I am informed been done by the Nuttumcaurs of Armagaunnum and other Inhabitants under your authority —

Should this transaction have taken place without your directions or Knowledge I trust that you will see the necessity of obliging the aggressors to make good the loss which on enquiry it may appear the Inhabitants have sustained and if the Circumstance altogether has happened without your Knowledge I have to request that the Nuttumcaur of Armagaunnum and the other Inhabitants concerned may receive that Punishment

which

which so daring an outrage deserves —

I will be obliged to you for an answer as soon as possible as the Survey is at a stand and the time of forming the settlement of the Pollams fast approaching —

Collapollam 17th November 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts Acting Collector

To the Officer Commanding at Dindegul

Sir,

I have to request the favor of a Guard to escort Treasure amounting to Thirty three Thousand Star Pagodas to the Factory of Tinnevelly & will thank you to direct the same to attend at my Cutchery tomorrow Morning at Ten O'Clock —

Dindegul 18th November 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts Acting Collector

To the Town Major of Fort St. George —

Sir,

In conformity to orders received from Government under date 8th of October last I have this day dispatched in charge of nine Peons the Person of Mate Brown a Prisoner under sentence of Transportation to be delivered into your Custody in order that the Sentence may be carried into effect and have to request you will have the goodness to inform me of his arrival —

Dindegul 19th November 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts Acting Collector

To the Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department, Fort St. George —

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Ulto. this moment arrived and have in conformity to the orders contained therein dispatched Mate Brown Prisoner under sentence of Transportation in charge of Nine Peons to the Presidency to be Delivered over to the Custody of the Town Major of Fort St. George —

Dindegul 19th November 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts Acting Collector

To the Town Major
of Fort St. George

Sir,

The Bearer of this letter named Ramajee Row will deliver to you the Prisoner Mahe Bowen mentioned in my letter to you of this days date —

Dindigul 19th Novr 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts..
Acting Collector

To the Collector of Trichinopoly —

Sir,

I enclose for your information copy of an Arzee from the Cadoor Poligar and have to request you will order the immediate restoration of the Sheep therein mentioned —

Dindigul 19th Novr 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector & Magistrate

To the Commercial Resident
of Tinnevelly —

Sir,

The Cash required by your letter of the 2d Instt. has this day been dispatched from my Treasury, Invoice of which I have the pleasure to enclose and request you will add your receipt to it as well as the Duplicates transmitted by the Jemidar of the Guard returning both to me as Vouchers to my Account —

Dindigul 19th November 1803 (Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Coll.

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

I have to request the favor of a Guard to escort Treasure Amounting to Ten Thousand Star Pagodas to the Factory of Ramnad and will thank you to direct the same to attend at my Cutcherry this afternoon or tomorrow Morning as may be most convenient —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Dindigul 21st November 1803
Acting Collector

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To the Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

The bearer of this letter Mootia Naique Poligar of Cadavoor has come to you for his Cawelly money for the two last Years which I request may be given to him unless some material reason exists which I am unacquainted with for retaining it in your possession —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 26th. Novr.
1803

To the Sub treasurer Fort St. George —

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Bill dated 24th. November 1803 for Star Pagodas One Thousand five Hundred (1500 " ") by Mr. George Hughes on the House of Messrs. Harrington Burnaby & Cockburn in favor of Revenue at 15 days sight —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul 30th. November 1803

To the Commercial Resident
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In consequence of your letter of the I have the pleasure to inclose Duplicate Invoice of Treasury dispatched to you under date 19th. November and have to request you will affix your receipt to it and to the Original Invoice sent in my letter to you on the 19th. Ult. and return both to me as soon as possible —

(Signed) J. N. Watts
Acting Collector

Dindigul
2d. December 1803

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In consequence of a letter received from the Dy. Accountant General enclosing copy of one addressed to you under date 18th. Ult. I have to request you will inform me if you have been able to comply with the order contained therein, regarding the remittance of Treasure from this place that the amount of that remittance may be placed

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to the Debit of the Principal to be in Malabar in my Account —

Dindigul 2^d December 1803 — (Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Collector.

To the Commercial Resident of Ramnad —

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th Ultimo & will thank you to forward to me the Duplicate Bill for the money despatched from my Treasury as it is necessary that I should be Depositive in my Cash Chest —

Dindigul 3^d December 1803 — (Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Coll^r.

To the Commercial Resident of Nagore —

Sir,

I have been favored with your letter of the 11th. Ult^o. and have many apologies to make for having allowed it to have remained so long unanswered —

The enclosed copy of a letter addressed to your Assistant M^r. Randal will shew what has already been done towards the accomplishment of your wishes and you may rely upon his receiving every assistance from me consistent with my situation —

Dindigul 5th December 1803 — (Signed) J. A. Watts
Acting Collector

To all the Manapara Poligars

In consequence of the Death of Narsama Naig Poligar of Ramghery, it becomes the Duty of Government to select a Person from the family of the Deceased to appoint a successor —

The Claims of Mootapen Naig are supported by the Evidence of the Head Inhabitants of Ramghery, but you are directed to state whatever Information has come to your Knowledge lately or at any former Period, regarding the line of succession to the Pullum, &

particular

particularly desired to answer the following Questions —

1st. Is there any Person who has a preferable Claim to Mootapen Son to the late Vuttana Naig —

2d. Considering that Mootapen Naig is of a very distant branch of the late Sawmy Naig's family, has the Widow of Marsamo Naig the Power of adopting any other Person in preference to Mootapen Naig —

3d. According to the Custom of your Cast or the Laws of your Religion is there any Ground of Objection why the Widow of Marsamo Naig should not be installed in the Pollum of her late Husband —

It will be evident to you that the cause of requiring from you this Information is, that the Circar may not place an Improper & unlawful Person in possession of the Pollam, you must therefore see the necessity of speaking the truth, as you are no doubt aware of the danger of signing a false Declaration, you will at the same time particularly remember that your own Case may be like that of Marsamo Naig, and as you would hope in such an Extent that your proper Heir should succeed you, so you will be careful in the present Instance, not to mislead the just Intentions of the Circar, and thereby encourage unlawful Claimants to attempt the usurpation of your Pollam — Your answer in writing to these several Questions with your Signature affixed thereto, must be returned as soon as practicable

Madura 10th December 1803 (Signed) J. Parish

Collector

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

1st. In conformity to the orders of your Board, I have the honor to forward Tariffs of Merchandize for the Districts of Dindigul, and Madura and the Conquered Countries South of the Noyil according to the form transmitted to me under date 3d. August last –

2d. I have in these Tariffs entered the highest & lowest rates at which the different Articles have been sold at, in the respective Districts for the last twelve Years from the Medium of which I have deducted 10 p. Cent, and the remainder I have entered as the Tariff value on which to calculate the Duty to be levied on each, and which I hope will be thought sufficient to provide for all fluctuations and a very fair valuation both for the Sirkar & Merchant –

3 The accompanying list contains the Names of the Principal Towns and most populous places in these Districts wherein I would propose Chokies for the Collection of Town duties should be established to which I have annexed the number of Servants, I conceive necessary for the performance of the duties of each Chokie respectively –

4th. Those places which I have selected are not only the most populous in the Districts but at which there are Markets held regularly every week, with the exception of Dindigul, Madura & Cumbum

There are however Shandies held weekly near Dindigul and Madura, which from a Scarcity of Water for Cattle and want of accomodation could never be held at either place –

One Shandy is held at a small village situated about three quarter of a Mile from Dindigul every Wednesday and every Thursday at Taddicomboo a village about four Miles from Dindigul at which places the inhabitants assemble from all the surrounding Villages for some Miles –

To these Shandy's as well as to the one held weekly within two Miles of Madura, I beg leave to suggest the propriety of extending the limits of them (Madura, and Dindigul, Choukies) There will be no occasion for any additional number of Sibbendy one Conicopoly and one Cawelcaur detached from each Choky on these days would be sufficient to perform any duty, at the Shandy's that might be required of them –

4th

There are but two Frontier Choukies that I would propose establishing one at a place called Torkoo Pasar situated in the hills, and through which Merchants pass when coming from the Travancore Country either to the Dindigul District, or to the Tinnevelly District, there has always been a Choukiy established at this place – and when the Ayger was rented one third of the duties collected at this Choukiy was always given by the Renter to a man named Munady a principal inhabitant of the hill villages, for which he kept the road in good repair, and furnished a sufficient number of watchmen to secure safety to Travellers from wild Beasts and Banditti with which that road is much infested –

The other Frontier Chouckee I propose to establish at Talanjee which is also stationed in the interior of the Hills leading to the Travancore Country fr the Conquered Countries – At this Chouckee I have however placed but two Servants which I think will be perfectly adequate to the duty of the Choukiy, as few Merchants either come from or proceed to Travancore by that pass.

Neither Bang or Guadack is sold at any Bazar within these Districts the price, whole all and Retail of Tobacco, Gunjah & Beetle in such Division, I have entered in Statement No. 3 to which I beg leave to call the attention of your Board –

This Statement is formed from the Accounts of the Merchants residing in the Cusba of Dindigul Daraporam and Madura –

Your Board will observe the high rate at which the articles are disposed of in Madura the demand being much greater and the produce in the Country much less than either in the Conquered Countries or Dindigul is the cause –

In the Conquered Contries Tobacco is produced in great quantities and in which as well as coarse Cloths considerable Traffic is carried on by the inhabitants with the Merchants of Travancore and the Malabar Coast by way of Palghautcherry who in return import Beetle Nut Pepper &c. –

Considerable Traffic is also carried on in Tobacco by the inhabitants of the Dindigul Village with the Merchants of Travancore and which will there is every reason to suppose be extended as well there as in the Conquered Countries on the introduction of the projected Regulations with these Territories a System so indulgent and so well calculated to promote the Commercial interests of the Country –

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The assessment on these three articles has hitherto been in Dindegul on Tobacco cash $8\frac{5}{8}$ per Viss or Nos. 8, 16, 70 Pr Cent Gunjah cash $34\frac{7}{10}$ per Viss or Nos. F C 16, 36, 57 Pr Cent, Beetle cash 3 P^r 400 leaves or Nos. F C 6, 36, 45 Pr Cent in Madura - Tobacco per Viss cash $5\frac{3}{4}$ or Nos. F C 2, 4, $17\frac{1}{2}$ Pr Cent Gunjah per Viss cash $44\frac{1}{4}$ or Nos. F C 21. 30. 19 Pr Cent Beetle per 400 leaves cash 44 or Nos. F C 50. 25. 25. Pr Cent in Daraporam Tobacco cash $10\frac{3}{4}$ per Viss or Nos. F C 13. 39. 30. Pr Cent Gunjah cash $30\frac{13}{16}$ per Viss Nos. F C 3. 16. [illegible] Beetle per 400 leaves $1\frac{3}{16}$ or Nos. F C 2. 28. 16 Pr Cent. -

A very great proportion of the Garden cultivation of their District consist in Tobacco & Beetle and which already gives a considerable revenue to the Sirkar on high assessment on these articles would of course enhance the value and consequently render the demand less - and the Ryot not finding so quick a market might probably appropriate the land on which he now cultivates these articles to other purposes - and ultimately cause a diminution of Revenue in this branch which might not be compensated by my assessment made on the consumption. -

I would therefore with deference to your Board recommend that the assessment should be at present encreased but very little - the next year more and so on progressively as the effects may approve to warrant in Dindigul District to 15 Pr Cent on Tobacco 20 Pr Cent on Gunjah and 10 Pr Cent on Beetle -

In the Madura District to 15 Pr Cent on Tobacco 30 Pr Cent on Gunjah 60 Pr Cent on Beetle and in the Conquered Countries to 15 Pr Cent on Tobacco on Gunjah 10 Pr Cent and on Beetle 10 Pr Cent -

In order to give full force to these Regulations as well as to secure to the inhabitants of the Pollams equal advantages with those of the Sirkar which I conceive it is right they ought to possess I beg leave to recommend the assumption of all Revenue coming under the denomination of Sayer in the different Pollams which I presume ought properly to belong to the Sirkar but which has hitherto been enjoyed by most of the Poligars.

Should your Board approve of this recommendation a list of the places wherein I ~~proceed~~ propose Chaukies for the Collection of the duties should be established and the requisite number of Servants shall be sent without delay. -

Dindigul October 1808 -

(Signed) J. H. Wells

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